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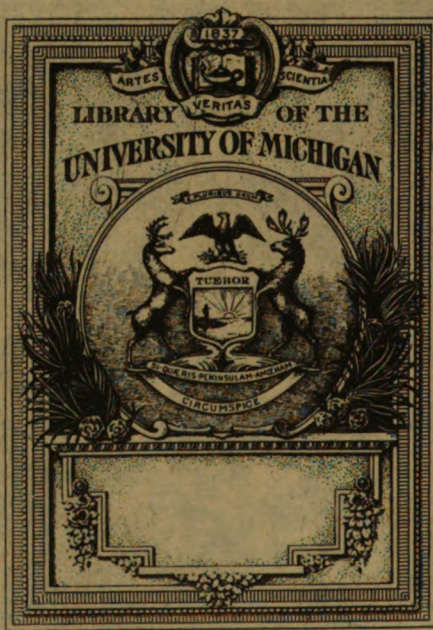
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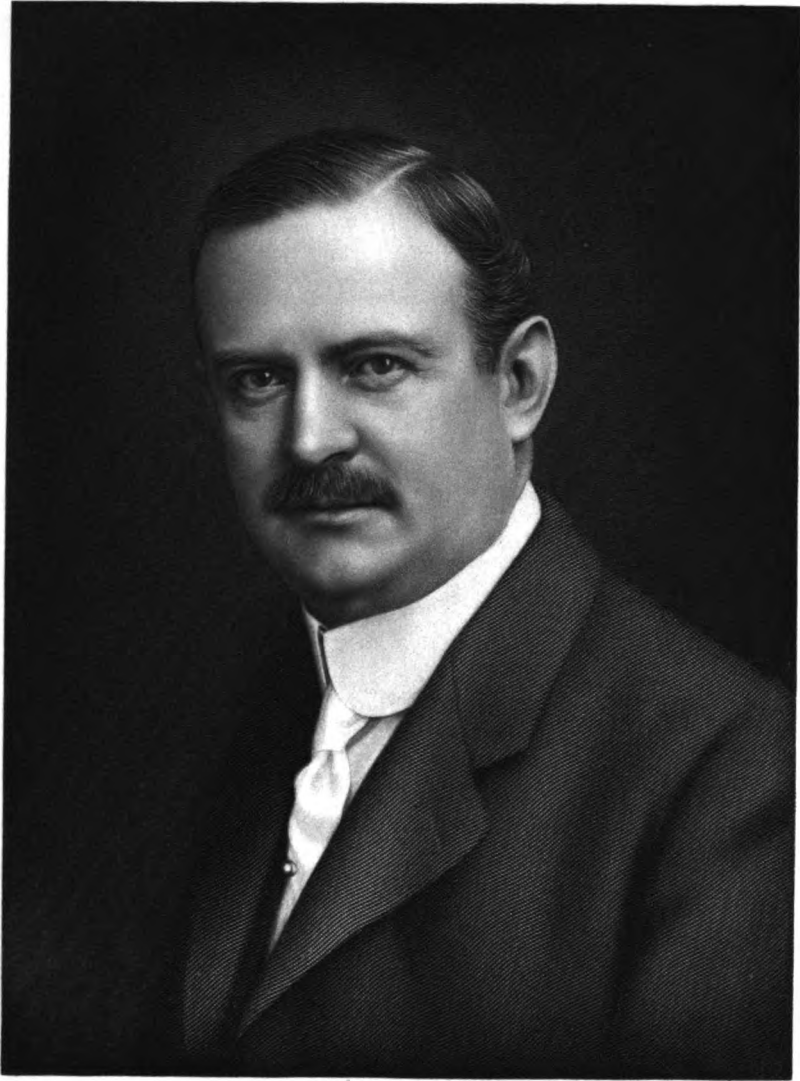


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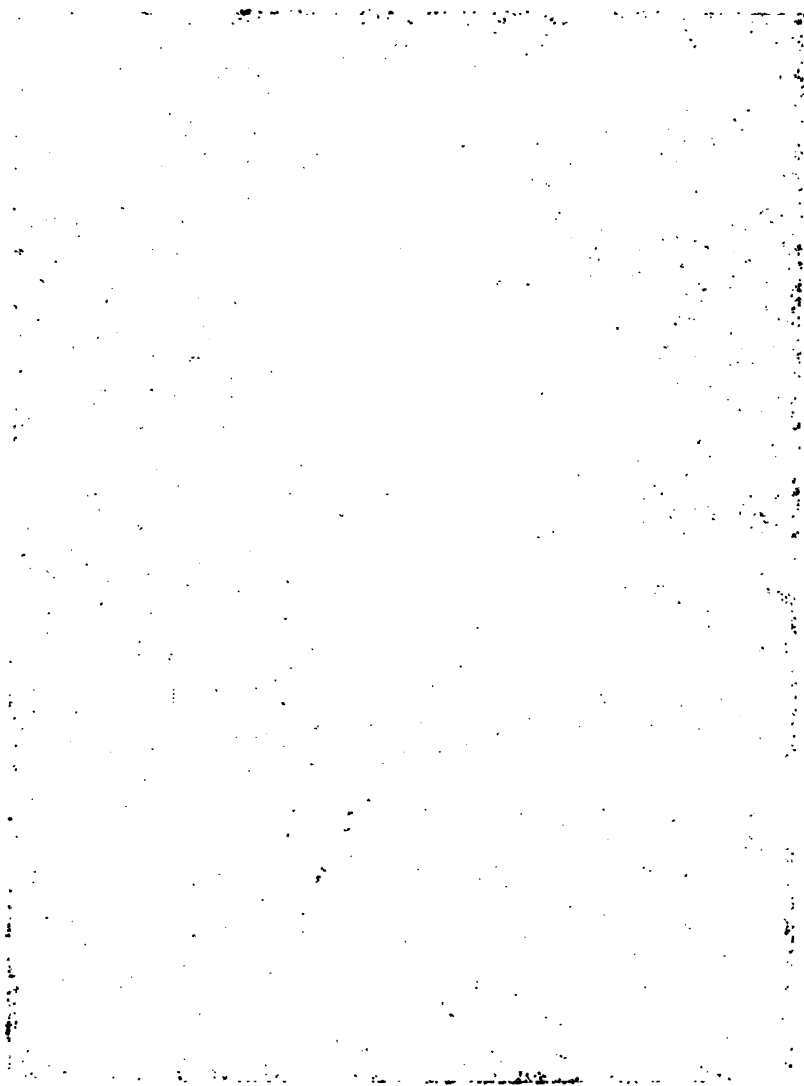
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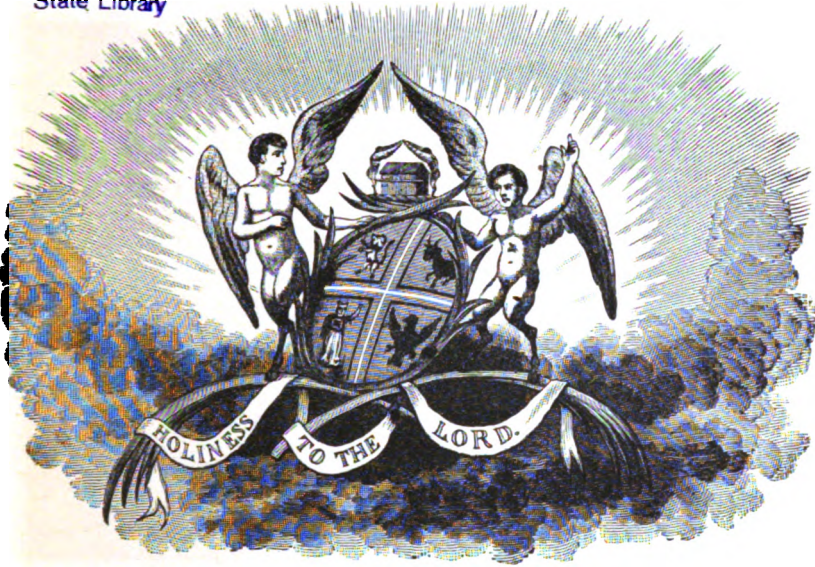
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## Grand Lodge.

### ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on the afternoon of May 2, A. D. 1911; A. L. 5911, at two o'clock.

#### PRESENT.

M.: W.: ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master.  
R.: W.: CHARLES SMITH, . . . . Deputy Grand Master.  
" " THOMAS PENNEY, . . . . Senior Grand Warden.  
" " WILLIAM S. FARMER, . . . Junior Grand Warden.  
" " WILLIAM H. MILLER, . . . Grand Treasurer.  
M.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, . . Grand Secretary.



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" "	WILLIAM R. WATSON, . . .		
" "	WILLIAM E. STEVENS, . . .		
" "	CHAS. DU BOIS BROUGHTON,		
" "	JOHN P. PETERS, . . .	}	Grand Marshal.
" "	FREDERICK W. NORRIS, . . .		
" "	JACOB C. KLINCK, . . .	}	Grand Standard Bearer.
" "	ROBERT A. STEWART, . . .		
" "	ISAAC STIEFEL, . . .	}	Grand Sword Bearers.
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" "	MORTIMER METZGER, . . .		
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" "	ADOLPH KAUDER, . . .	}	Grand Stewards.
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" "	EDWARD D. PETERS, . . .		
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" "	EDWIN A. QUICK, . . .		
" "	JOHN A. WILLIAMS, . . .		
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W.	JOSEPH MCELROY, . . .	}	Grand Tiler.

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Western Australia .....	" "	OTTO DENIS.
Zur Eintracht .....	" "	E. THEODORE HAEBLER.
Zur Sonne .....	" "	LEOPOLD GUGGENBERGER.

A constitutional number of Lodges being present (10), the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by R. W. WILLIAM E. STEVENS, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

W. RAYMOND B. GURLEY to act in the absence of R. W. GEORGE W. ROE, District Deputy Grand Master Thirty-Second Masonic District.

W. SAMUEL C. ERWIN to act in the absence of R. W. WILLIAM A. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand Master Thirty-Fourth Masonic District.

On motion, R. W. EMIL H. SCHMIDT, Grand Representative of Idaho, R. W. MICHAEL J. EARLEY, Grand Representative of Oklahoma, R. W. JOSEPH A. LAWSON, Grand Representative of British Columbia, R. W. J. WILLIAM PROUSE, Grand Representative of Arkansas, R. W. JOSEPH MORRIS WARD, Grand Representative of New Jersey, R. W. HERMAN A. METZ, Grand Representative of North Carolina, and R. W. MILBURY VAN VALKENBURG, Grand Representative of Cuba, were excused from attendance at this session of Grand Lodge.



The following letter from M. W. WILLIAM SHERER, Past Grand Master, was read:

235 WEST 75TH STREET.

NEW YORK, April 26, 1911.

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Esq.,  
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,  
NEW YORK.

M. W. Grand Master:

It is with unfeigned regret that I ask to be excused from attendance at the present Communication of the Grand Lodge—the third time in forty years' membership that I have been compelled to miss the call of the roll.

I am convalescing from a long and serious illness, but am still too weak to take any risk of over-excitement. I hope, however, some time in the near future to again meet with the brethren.

With kind regards for yourself and all the brethren of the Grand Lodge, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM SHERER.

On motion, the following telegram was ordered:

WILLIAM SHERER, Esq.,  
235 WEST 75TH STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

The 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge deeply regrets your absence, and unanimously prays for your speedy recovery.

EHLERS,

Grand Secretary.

On motion, the following telegram was ordered:

REV. GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER,  
7 WEST 122D STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

The Grand Lodge, in annual Communication assembled, sends its heartiest best wishes for your speedy recovery and restoration to perfect health.

EHLERS,

Grand Secretary.

On motion, R. W. HENRY R. FREEMAN, R. W. JAMES C. RUSSELL and R. W. S. PARKES CADMAN, Grand Chaplains, were excused from attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, delivered the following address:

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

We have come together in annual session to review the work of the year; to weigh that which has been done in the name of **Masonry** within our jurisdiction; to mold into concrete form the service we have rendered, and to judge with open hearts and minds that are free, whether our efforts have contributed to the honor of the institution and to its perpetuity.

What has been our stewardship? With an abiding faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, I yield to him in this great presence my profound thanks that I am privileged to address you; to account for that which has been placed in my keeping; to acknowledge my own shortcomings, and to express with a full heart my gratitude for the love, the forbearance and the unfailing kindness of the Brethren with whom I have come in contact. If our work as Freemasons, both as individuals and as Lodges, were measured by the scale of the Craft's outward evidence of loyalty to the Grand Master, how great would be its service; but I am constrained to say, my Brethren—and without in any way minimizing the honor—that is the Craft's tribute to the *office*. If the Grand Master deserves it, doubly honored is he; but first, and beyond this personal loyalty, stands the *Craft*. Are we loyal to it, to its principles and to its purposes?

We are in an age of progress. The word has its serious application to the affairs of the day. It also has its reference, facetiously, perhaps, to the politics of the time; but *progress* is a definite term. It means advancement, not retrogression; it means improvement, not decay; it means accomplishment, not failure; it means onward and forward, not a looking backward or dismal retreat. *Is our Masonry progressive*, or are we making it a factor only inside of the Lodge room? Are we content to remain intrenched in mysticism, to confer degrees, to make Masons and then forget them, excepting, perhaps, as their names are added to our roll—leaving them muzzled as to its secrets, but bewildered and lamentably untaught of those deep, *underlying* truths inculcated in the days when *quality* and not *quantity* was the watchword of the Craft? If our drift is away from and not *toward* its highest ideals and traditions, slowly but surely the vitality which sustains it will slip away, and I say, without hesitation, our Fraternity will

cease to appeal to intelligent men. It will become nothing but a mummer, a jargon of signs and baubles, titles and platitudes—for we will be following the shadow and not the substance.

I might well hesitate to charge this great gathering of thoughtful men as to its duty, for I realize there are Brethren present who have served our Craft conspicuously long before I was admitted to its ranks. Their lives are our example; their deeds our admiration; their work our standard; but we are apace with conditions not heretofore confronting us; forces not met with while our Country was yet young; elements constantly arising in our civil life that must needs have our consideration if the heritage of our fathers is to pass *beyond our time*, and it is with something of their gravity that I venture to ask you to stop with me for a gaze into the future to see whether we can create for our Masonry a new spirit, blended of ancient tradition and modern endeavor; a *real*, vital power for good in the world; a rising to duty not circumscribed by tiled doors, or words, or signs—an open service to be known of all men for the good that it renders.

Masonry is not political in the sense in which you and I are partisans; but I do maintain there is a relationship between Masonry and good citizenship to which our Craft must awaken if it is to fulfill its highest mission. The making of Masons will be for nought if we simply continue impressing our novitiates with its secrets and its mysteries. The lesson inculcated in the charge to our Entered Apprentice is of the gravest import to our day and generation. You know the words—are we alive to their importance? Do we repeat them slowly, looking our Brother straight in the eye, and making him feel their application is way and beyond the secret work of the Craft; that they fit him to face his duty in the world; to spread the light of his example and the force of our Masonic precept and teachings, and help him to become a better and stronger part of our civic life? Our influence, because of the knowledge we possess, should be the greater as we go in and out among our fellow-citizens; and if we will broaden our views as to the purposes of the Craft, and make of it an expansive, unselfish brotherhood, we will give to our Masonry an illumining power penetrating beyond the confines of our tiled doors, our whisperings and

mystic signs—a radiance which will carry its message—like God's sunlight, among all men.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

This is a day of meeting—it is also the day of parting. It is the hour of joy—it is also the hour of sorrow. It is good-day—it is also good-bye.

Each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge may be thus characterized. We hail our friends from every corner of the State. We enjoy their fellowship in the discharge of the duties that bring us together. We say good-bye in the hope of meeting again; but, alas! to many it is the final salutation on earth.

How cold and empty does language seem compared with the thoughts which can never be uttered—never escape beyond the sacred portals of the soul—as we recall the forms of those to whom one year ago we bade good-bye. May their last sleep be sound and sweet beneath the blue and bending skies! May the song bird find a new note of sorrow in his throat, for the passing of these, our Brethren, and a new burst of joy that they have gone to a happier and better land!

On the morning following the close of the Grand Lodge, in May last, there flashed beneath the ocean the cable message announcing the death of KING EDWARD VII., Protector of Freemasonry of England, and, as the Prince of Wales, its Grand Master many, many years. Our cable of sympathy to the Grand Secretary of England was followed by an appropriate acknowledgment.

#### CABLE.

SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH,  
GRAND SECRETARY,  
FREEMASONS' HALL,  
GREAT QUEEN ST.,  
LONDON, ENGLAND.

The Craft of New York mourn the loss of His Majesty, KING EDWARD VII., who so long dignified the office of Grand Master.

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,  
*Grand Master.*

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,  
FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN ST.,  
LONDON, W. C., ENGLAND.

*Dear Sir and M. W. Grand Master:*

I am desired by the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to ask you to be so good as to convey to the Craft of New York His Royal Highness' warmest thanks for their most kind sympathy on the lamented death of His late Majesty, KING EDWARD THE SEVENTH, Past Grand Master and Protector of the Order.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,

*Grand Secretary.*

M. W. BROTHER ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master, New York.*

R. W. GEORGE HAYES, Past Grand Treasurer, died at Mt. Vernon, May 22, 1910.

BRO. HAYES was born in England, in 1840, and for many years was successfully engaged in business in this city as a manufacturer and inventor. He was made a Mason in Livingston Lodge, No. 657, in 1869, and was its Master, 1880-1881. In 1885 he was appointed a Grand Steward, and took a prominent part in the extinguishment of the debt on Masonic Hall. His activity in this direction resulted in his promotion to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, in which position he served three years and until the debt had been paid. He was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund in 1890, and continued in that office until 1897, when he was elected Grand Treasurer. In October, 1907, he was again appointed a Trustee, and served until the Annual Communication of 1909, when he resigned.

For a number of years he had not been in robust health. While to the many his death was unexpected, those who were closely and intimately connected with him in business affairs and in social life saw his gradual decline physically, and were therefore not surprised to learn that he had joined the great majority.

"He who in life's battle firm doth stand  
Shall bear Hope's tender blossom into the Promised Land."

R. W. THOMAS MOORE, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District and Past Master of Cope-

stone Lodge, No. 641, who was in his day one of the most active and prominent Masons in this city, died on July 18, aged 77 years. Funeral services were held on the evening of July 20, at his late residence, 215 West Twenty-first Street, and the attendance was so large that many of the Brethren and friends were unable to gain admission to the house.

BRO. MOORE was born in Glasgow, Scotland, May 19, 1833. He came to this city in 1857, and at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, enlisted in the famous Seventy-ninth Highlanders, New York Volunteers. He served through the war and engaged in many battles. He was one of the petitioners at the first meeting of St. George's Lodge, U. D. (now Copestone), No. 641, and was initiated in February, 1867. He served as Master in 1882 and 1883. He was appointed District Deputy of the Seventh District in 1889, and served two years. He was the founder and the first President of the Square Club, composed of Masters and Past Masters of the Seventh District. In 1895 he was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and served three years. BRO. MOORE took an active part in the work of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and served many years as Treasurer. He received the Thirty-third Degree on September 16, 1890. He was also prominent in Mecca Temple and the Board of Relief, having served as vice-president of the Board. He had charge of the Masonic Shelter from the time it was opened by the Board of Relief in 1901.

M. W. JAMES TEN EYCK, Past Grand Master, died at Albany, July 28, 1910. For a generation he had been a member of the Grand Lodge, and, by his strong individuality, his rugged honesty and his sturdy straightforwardness, had gained a place all his own in the regard of the Brethren. The work which he did will be taken up and carried forward by others; but he leaves a void in the hearts of his friends that cannot be filled.

It is in his native city of Albany, where he was best known and where his manifold activities and interests were centered, that BRO. TEN EYCK will be most profoundly mourned. A leader in the business world, as he was in Masonry, he occupied a position of great prominence in the community.

In Masonic history BRO. TEN EYCK will be best remembered

as the Grand Master who dedicated the Masonic Home at Utica. In his address on that occasion, he called particular attention to the blending of conservatism and progressiveness in the Masonic institution. These qualities were conspicuous in his own character. His conservatism was illustrated by the fact that he lived all his life in the street where he was born, and that he had lived sixty-five years in the house where he died. His progressiveness was displayed in the many important business enterprises with which he was identified. In the Grand Lodge he was most zealous and active in the promotion of the great charity at Utica.

JAMES TEN EYCK was no ordinary man. In him were blended all the qualities of true manhood. With him honor was the only nobility. The gentleness of his nature appeared in all his transactions. He was just, but merciful, an unwavering friend, a constant benefactor to his fellows, and front among the foremost in every good work. In this commercial age he represented a chivalry which knew neither fear nor reproach, and felt a stain of honor like a wound. He illustrated to the world of business the crowd of virtues and of charities that cluster around the heart of a manly man—a gentleman. His obsequies were held in the Temple at Albany, on Sunday, July 31, 1910. Masters Lodge, No. 5, whose membership he graced all the years of his Masonic life, performed the funeral rites of the Fraternity.

“No star shines brighter than the kingly man,  
Who nobly earns whatever crown he wears,  
Who grandly conquers, or as grandly dies;  
And the white banner of his manhood bears  
Through all the years uplifted in the skies.”

M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS, Past Grand Master, departed this life at Lake Mohonk, Friday, the fifth day of August, 1910, at one o'clock in the morning. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, August 7, at St. Thomas's Church, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-third Street. Rev. ERNEST M. STIRES, rector of the church, and Chaplain of Kane Lodge, gave the Episcopal service, and at the grave in Woodlawn the burial service was given by W. FREDERICK C. MEACHAM, Master of Kane Lodge. There was a large representation of Grand Lodge officers and

members of Kane Lodge at the funeral. There were present also delegations from the Chamber of Commerce, Stock Exchange, Fourth National Bank, the Clearing House, and representatives from the New York Hospital and Sailors' Snug Harbor.

BRO. SIMMONS was made a Mason in Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311, Troy, in 1864. He removed to New York in 1867, and in 1874 he affiliated with Kane Lodge No. 454. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1877 and 1878. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District in 1877, and as Grand Marshal under the administration of M.'. W.'. CHARLES ROOME, in 1879. He followed the late M.'. W.'. JAMES TEN EYCK in that office. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1882 and Grand Master the following year. He presided over the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in 1884, and declined a reelection.

BRO. SIMMONS was a member of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, Adelpic Council No. 7, the Masonic Veterans, and Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23. He served as Commander of the Commandery in 1881. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in New York City, N. M. J., and in September, 1885, was crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree.

JOSEPH EDWARD SIMMONS was a man of exalted character; cultured and scholarly. After his graduation from Williams College, he chose the law as profession; but, on his removal to New York, entered the banking business. To him came the distinction of having filled three of the highest offices that can be conferred upon a New York business man, viz.: President of the Stock Exchange, President of the Clearing House, and President of the Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he filled other offices of responsibility and trust, discharging the duties of all with absolute fidelity and the highest intelligence. As President of the Board of Education, his thorough knowledge of our public school system brought about many changes for the better. To him may be attributed the advancement of higher educational interests and the collegiate standing of the Normal College. As President of the Fourth National Bank, he was a tower of strength in the financial world.



"His life was gentle, and the elements  
So mixed in him, that nature might stand  
Up and say to all the world,  
This was a man."

R. W. FRANK CHAMBERLAIN, Past District Deputy Grand Master, died at Albany, August 23, 1910. BRO. CHAMBERLAIN was born December 4, 1826, in the town of Romulus, Seneca County, and attended the public schools there. Later he was prepared to enter Geneva College (now Hobart) by PROFESSOR OREN ROOT, the father of ELIHU ROOT, United States Senator. At the end of his sophomore year he entered Yale University; but, because of failing eyesight, was unable to complete his studies. He subsequently studied law in GOVERNOR SEWARD'S office at Albany, and afterwards engaged in the grain and milling and flour business in Seneca Falls, removing to Albany in 1852.

He was Lieutenant-Colonel of the old Tenth Regiment of Albany, and Lieutenant-Colonel of that regiment when, as the One Hundred and Seventy-Seventh New York, it entered the service of the United States during the Civil War. He subsequently became Colonel, and later was nominated and confirmed by the Senate as Commissary General of this State, with the rank of Brigadier-General. He was a member of George S. Dawson Post No. 63, G. A. R., and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

His Masonic life embraced membership in Masters Lodge, No. 5, of which he was Senior Past Master, and all the appendant orders. He was Senior High Priest of Temple Chapter, No. 5, Senior Thrice Illustrious Master of Dewitt Clinton Council, Senior Past Commander of Temple Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templars, and Senior Past Grand Commander of Knights Templars of New York. He was the oldest Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District. For many years he was a commanding figure in Albany's business and social life.

Known to all in that city, and respected by all, his name and fame will be treasured as one of the brightest and best upon the roll of our Craft.

R. W. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Past District Deputy Grand

Master of the Sixth Masonic District, Past Master of Sagamore Lodge, No. 371, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, met a tragic death on Tuesday evening, September 6, near Durham, Connecticut, when an automobile which he had been driving plunged over a retaining wall. His wife's sister, Miss Nicolene Neilson, who was with him, was killed. From the fact that there were no wounds on BRO. ANDREWS' body, sufficient to cause death, it is believed that he suffered a stroke of apoplexy just prior to the accident and so lost control of the car. The funeral services were held September 10, at the family home in Portland, Connecticut.

BRO. ANDREWS was for many years active and prominent in New York Masonry, and numbered his friends by the hundred. He was a man of exceptional abilities, and was a loyal friend and a true Mason. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, April 18, 1849. He was graduated from the Columbia College Law School in 1869. He was admitted to the bar and practised his profession in this city with success. BRO. ANDREWS was raised in Sagamore Lodge, No. 371, in 1878. He served as Master three years, in 1883-5. In the latter year he was appointed District Deputy of the Sixth District, in which office he served with distinction. He was elected a Commissioner of Appeals in 1886, and held that position until 1892. He served many years as Chairman of the Committee on Antiquities, which was created by the Grand Lodge upon his motion in 1886. BRO. ANDREWS was a member of Phoenix Chapter, No. 2, Adelpic Council, No. 7, Palestine Commandery, No. 18, the Scottish Rite Bodies of New York City and Mecca Temple. He rendered great service to Cryptic Masonry in this State, and his death is a serious loss to the Grand Council, as well as to Sagamore Lodge, in which he constantly maintained an active interest.

R. W. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Senior Past Master of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 273, and former Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, died September 25, 1910. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Chelsea M. E. Church on Washington Heights. BRO. JOHNSTON served several years as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. He

was a member of Amity Chapter, No. 160, Palestine Commandery, No. 18, and the Masonic Veterans. He was raised in Metropolitan Lodge in 1869, and served as Master in 1876-77. He was Recorder of Palestine Commandery six years, between 1874 and 1882. BRO. JOHNSTON was born in this city July 2, 1844, was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the New York City College. For more than thirty-five years he was with the firm of James McCreery & Co., and for many years held the position of confidential secretary to the head of that firm. He is mourned by a widow, daughter, three sons, and a host of friends.

R. W. GEORGE NIXON, Past Grand Chaplain, and Chaplain of Guiding Star Lodge, No. 565, died of heart failure at his home in Yonkers on September 28, 1910.

BRO. NIXON was born in New York City in 1835, and was one of the oldest members of the Presbytery of New York. For more than one-third of a century he was the Chaplain of Guiding Star Lodge, No. 565, and the Pastor of the Tremont Presbyterian Church. His life was indeed "an open book, known and read of all men." Faithful as a minister of the gospel, genuinely sincere in all his Christian duties, he brought to his Lodge a personality and influence which gained the respect and admiration of all its members.

By the death of R. W. GEORGE NIXON the Church has lost an exemplar and Free Masonry a devoted Brother.

R. W. GEORGE W. WYCKOFF, Past Grand Standard-Bearer and Past Master of Constitution Lodge, No. 241, died Saturday, October 1, 1910, in his seventy-eighth year. Funeral services were held at the residence of his daughter, 750 St. Ouen Place, Bronx. BRO. WYCKOFF was raised in Constitution Lodge in 1867, and served four years as Master, from 1870 to 1873. He was appointed Grand Standard-Bearer of the Grand Lodge in 1880 by M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY, Grand Master. He was an active member of the Lodge until his health failed a few years ago. BRO. WYCKOFF was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a member of Company H, Seventy-first New York Regiment, from June 3, 1856, and went to the front with that regiment under the first call for volunteers.

He participated with his regiment in the battle of Bull Run as a non-commissioned officer.

R. W. WILLIAM F. JENKS, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District, died at Southern Pines, North Carolina, October 3, 1910.

BRO. JENKS was born at Burlington, Otsego County, the twenty-ninth of August, 1831. He joined Phoebus Lodge on the twenty-first day of October, 1861, and served that Lodge as Master from 1864 to 1872. His boyhood was spent on the home farm and in the public schools; later he taught school, and pursued the study of law in the office of Gorham and Foster, at Burlington, completing his legal studies with Cutler Field, of Cooperstown. In 1853 he was admitted to the bar, and began practice at Friendship, N. Y., and in 1855 moved to New Berlin, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, Oscar F. Matterson. He continued the successful practice of law in New Berlin until 1875, when he moved to Norwich, and in 1877 was elected Chenango County Judge and Surrogate on the Democratic ticket, and was reelected in 1883.

In 1890, after twelve years of efficient service as County Judge and Surrogate, he resumed the practice of law in Norwich, and continued until about six years ago, when failing health compelled him to abandon active work and take up his residence in a warmer climate. He therefore moved to Southern Pines, North Carolina, where he has since resided, usually spending the summer at Chenango Lake.

JUDGE JENKS was often honored with offices of public trust and responsibility, having served as supervisor in Otsego County, on the Board of Education of New Berlin, for fifteen years a member and Secretary of the Board of Education at Norwich High School, for many years a warden of Emmanuel Church of Norwich, of which he was a devout member, and as a member of the Masonic Fraternity he served for two years as District Deputy Grand Master of Masons.

WILLIAM F. JENKS was a man who devotedly loved his family and home and delighted to share the pleasures of his home with his friends; he was an upright, fearless, honest Judge; a loyal citizen, public-spirited and progressive; a Christian gentleman, loving and loved by his fellow-man.

R. W. HARLAN J. SWIFT, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District, died at North Evans, October 6, 1910.

BRO. SWIFT was one of the best-known men in western New York. He was born October 2, 1843, and attended the common schools of Cuba. He was a student at Rushford Academy, at Alfred University, and at the State Normal School.

In 1863 he enlisted in Company H, Second New York Mounted Rifles. He was promoted from a private to Second Lieutenant, and later Captain of his Company. He was under Grant in the Army of the Potomac, and was granted a medal for gallant conduct at the mine explosion before Petersburg, July 30, 1864. At the close of the war he took up the study of law, and was graduated from the Albany Law School and admitted to the Bar in 1866.

He was made a Mason in Cuba Lodge, No. 306, subsequently serving that Body two years as its Master, and filled the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District with rare ability and great devotion. He was a man of great force of character, of pleasing personality, and endowed with mental gifts of a high order.

Whatever he did, he did well.

R. W. FLOYD G. SHUFELT, District Deputy Grand Master, Forty-first Masonic District, died at Malone, November 18, 1910.

BRO. SHUFELT was initiated October 13, passed October 27, and raised to the degree of Master Mason November 24, 1903, in Northern Constellation Lodge, No. 291. He became its Master in 1908 and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1910.

BRO. SHUFELT was truly a Mason, earnest, capable, enthusiastic. He filled the office of Master and District Deputy Grand Master with brilliancy and zeal. To all with whom he was acquainted death came as a great shock. He was a genial, kindly man, and a true friend. We bid him farewell for a little while, some day, somewhere, to bid him "Good morning."

R. W. HENRY A. POWELL, Past District Deputy Grand

Master, Second Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, November 28, 1910.

BRO. POWELL was born in Chatham, Columbia County, September 13, 1851. He was educated at Fort Edward College Institute, Union College, Schenectady, the Union Theological Seminary, and the New York University. For thirty years he lived in Brooklyn, coming first as pastor of the Lee Avenue Congregational Church, afterward giving up the ministry and was admitted to the Bar to practise law.

He was a member of Baltic Lodge, No. 284, and after serving in various stations of the Lodge, he was elected Master. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in the Second Masonic District in 1902, Commissioner of Appeals of the Grand Lodge, 1903, and subsequently Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of New York.

BRO. POWELL was a zealous, devoted Mason, a man of unquestioned ability, a kind friend and a delightful companion; a man of fine personal presence, genial and happy disposition, having at all times a good and kind word for all with whom he came in contact. His fame as an orator and his eloquence, so instructive and full of the spirit of common Brotherhood, was always listened to with marked attention and the greatest pleasure and profit. His love of knowledge was as deep-seated and permanent as was his love of family and friends. His genial humor, his kindly wit, his fund of anecdote and story, as well as his stores of learning, made his conversation peculiarly refreshing and charming. The close of such a life carries to hundreds a sad sense of loss tempered by the feeling that the memory of it will remain ever fresh and green in their thoughts and minds.

R. W. ROBERT McDOWELL, Past Master of Tompkins Lodge, No. 471, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District, died at Stapleton, November 30, 1910.

BRO. McDOWELL joined Tompkins Lodge thirty years ago, and was its Master in 1894 and 1895. An old friend bears this testimony: "R. W. ROBERT McDOWELL was earnest in all he

undertook to accomplish and had his Lodge in mind at all times. There was nothing he could do that was not done, and even when he had met with severe business reverses he still was active and interested in all matters pertaining to the Lodge and its welfare. Cheerfully confident of better times, and working hard to restore the lost fortune, he worked incessantly to accomplish a re-establishment. I am not able to say more without being personal. We shall miss him very much. To his last breath he was not beaten in life's battle, but striving always to attain the success of which misfortune robbed him."

ROBERT McDOWELL was a genial, whole-souled man, whose heart was swayed by every passing sorrow.

BRO. HORACE H. BROCKWAY, formerly a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, died at New York, December 5, 1910.

BRO. BROCKWAY was a member of Kane Lodge, No. 454, and of the various Appendant Orders. He was for many years proprietor of the Ashland House, and before that of the American House, in Cleveland, Ohio. While he never held office in the Craft except that of Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund and Generalissimo of Palestine Commandery, he was constantly in demand wherever projects promoted by the Brethren needed tact and business ability. The four years of his service as Trustee were marked by the closest attention coupled with rare good judgment in caring for the interest of the Home at Utica.

He was an honest man and a most delightful companion.

R. W. GEORGE W. ARNOLD, Past Master of Astor Lodge, No. 603, died December 7, 1910, in the sixty-third year of his age. Funeral services were held at his residence in North Tarrytown on December 9.

BRO. ARNOLD had an inexhaustible fund of humor, was an able speaker, and numbered his friends by the thousands. He was active in Masonry for many years. He served Astor Lodge as its Master in 1887 and 1888, and for a number of years was the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near the Grand Lodge of New York. He was for nearly ten years Secre-

tary of the Craftsman's, now Masonic, Club. BRO. ARNOLD was also active in the Masonic Veterans, and served as President of that Association in 1900.

His death will be sincerely mourned by a host of friends.

R. W. JOSEPH A. LACKEY, former Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died at New York, December 27, 1910.

BRO. LACKEY was born in Lockport, September 15, 1838. He was raised in Crescent Lodge, No. 402, on December 27, 1871; served as Senior Steward in 1875, as Junior Warden in 1876, as Senior Warden in 1877, and Master in 1878 and 1879. In the year 1896 he was appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi near the Grand Lodge of New York, which office he held for six years.

BRO. LACKEY enlisted as a private in Company F, Twenty-second Regiment, N. Y. S. M., June 21, 1862, and served one hundred days in the Campaign in Virginia, at the termination of which he was honorably discharged. On his return to New York, he served for seven years in the Twenty-second Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., from which he was honorably discharged in 1869. He held membership in La Fayette Post, No. 140, G. A. R.

Quiet and unassuming in manner, he performed every duty committed to his care with fidelity and zeal. No opportunity in which he could serve his Lodge escaped his attention; but found willing hands in its accomplishment. His record in the public service with which for many years he was connected, was pure and spotless.

R. W. EMERSON FORD, Past Master of Cascade Lodge, No. 427, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, died at Oak Hill, December 31, 1910.

EMERSON FORD was born at Preston Hollow, New York, and for thirty-five years was actively engaged in business at Oak Hill. He was widely known throughout the county, holding many important positions, and is remembered for his warmth of heart and kindness to the poor. He served the Lodge as its Master six years consecutively, and occupied the office of District Deputy Grand Master two years.



Death came to him in the twinkling of an eye. Returning from a basket ball game in apparently perfect health, and but sixty-one years of age, when opposite his place of business he suddenly dropped dead. His obsequies were attended by a large concourse of the Brethren from different Lodges in the District, by whom he was held in sincere regard.

R. W. WILLIAM WOOD, Past Master of Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District, died at Cold Spring, January 16, 1911.

JUDGE WOOD was born in County Down, Ireland, near Belfast, August 6, 1842. He came to this country with his parents, Robert and Jane Thompson Wood, in the spring of 1847, and located the same year at Cold Spring, where their son, William, who was then five years old, was destined to spend the remaining sixty-three years of his active and useful life. He was admitted to the Bar in 1876, and in the same year became District Attorney. He held this office seven years, and in 1883 was elected County Judge, making so admirable a record in that important office that he was twice reelected without opposition. His twenty-five years of public service brought out the fine qualities of his mind, and he made friends everywhere and was easily the most popular and best liked man in the county. Gifted in an unusual degree as an orator, his services were in frequent demand at various social and Masonic functions, and as the principal speaker at important political conventions.

Of strong religious fiber, he was an active worker in the larger interest of his church. He was essentially a home man, and loved his home and family with all the ardor of his strong, devoted nature. The home with him was not only a sanctuary, but his college, where he would sit before the fireside and study the great masters in English literature. He loved the poets and story-writers, and could quote page after page of their writings. From these sources, from the Bible and the vast body of fine Masonic works, his mind became a storehouse of noble thoughts, from which he could draw at will as occasion demanded. Next to his church he loved Masonry, whose lofty symbolisms appealed to his imagination, while its basic principles of manly service and steadfast faith called forth his

noblest impulses. We who mourn his loss may find comfort in the life that he has led, in the honor he has brought to our Craft, and in the remembrance of the genial, kindly nature that left no smart or bitterness behind.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

R. W. STEPHEN OLIN FOSTER, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, during the years 1909-10, died at Denver, Colorado, January 17, 1911.

BRO. FOSTER was made a Mason in Turin Lodge, No. 184, Lewis County. He was a member of Lowville Chapter, No. 223, of Lowville, and of Watertown Commandery, No. 11, of Watertown. He was also a member of Lodge, Council, Chapter, and Consistory of the Scottish Rite at Syracuse, and of Media Temple, Mystic Shrine, Watertown.

He had the distinction of serving nine years as Master of his Lodge. He was educated at Cazenovia Seminary and Michigan University, and was a lawyer by profession. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends, and is held in endearing memory for his nobility of character and genuine manhood.

R. W. RICHARD H. THOMAS, Past Master of Howard Lodge, No. 35, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, and one of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, died at New York, January 24, 1911. He was one of the most popular men in the Fraternity, because of his manly, upright character and affable manners, and his untimely death was a great shock to a host of friends. His obsequies were held in the Grand Lodge room on Friday afternoon, January 27, and were attended by a large concourse of the Brethren of the Fourth District, numerous officers of the Grand Lodge, together with Companions of Phoenix Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., Adelphic Council, No. 7, R. & S. M., Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of which he was Captain-General at the time of his death, and the Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

RICHARD H. THOMAS was a manly man. He was a man of virility and rare business qualifications. His success in life was consequent upon the true principle which governs every

honorable and prosperous business man, square dealing. Although a young man, he made an unquestioned success of the work in which he was engaged, and the future seemed bright for the achievement of his greatest expectations, when the Messenger called him to that other life that is we know not what and lies we know not where.

He will be greatly missed by his associates of the Craft, the business world, and the hearthstone, at which there now is a vacant chair, never to be filled.

"Soft be the sod above thee,  
Friend of my later days,  
None knew thee but to love thee,  
None named thee but to praise."

R. W. ALBERT MERRITT, Past Master of Bedford Lodge, No. 574, and Past Grand Sword Bearer, was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, and died in Brooklyn, New York, March 3, 1911.

During the entire Civil War he was a paymaster in the Mississippi Squadron, and for two terms a State Senator of New Jersey, during a residence at Camden.

On taking up his residence in Brooklyn, he was made a Mason in Bedford Lodge, No. 574, to which and to the principles of Masonry he became at once deeply attached. He often expressed regret that he had not availed himself of the privileges of Masonry earlier in life, and from the very beginning of his Masonic career manifested a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of our Institution.

For two terms he served as Master, and gave to the duties of the office most careful attention, which added greatly to the prestige of his Lodge.

BRO. MERRITT was a man of keen perception, of a trustful, generous, and loving disposition that appealed to all. In his family relations, devoted; as a citizen, loyal, and as a servant to his country, ever faithful. Another characteristic was his broad-minded charity; no appeal to his better nature ever suffered for want of attention on his part.

He will be sadly missed by his Brethren of Brooklyn, who deeply mourn his departure, but are encouraged by the thought that his life was not in vain, that he has only gone a little be-

fore, and believe that in God's providence they will meet him again in the realms of eternity.

R. W. EMERSON I. LORD, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Twenty-second Masonic District, died at Champlain, New York, March 14, 1911.

BRO. LORD was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Champlain. He joined Champlain Lodge, No. 237, in 1866, and subsequently became its Master. At the time of his death he was serving the Lodge in the capacity of Secretary. He was an earnest, consistent, and zealous Mason, and held a warm place in the hearts of all Brethren who were privileged to know him.

R. W. WARREN HIGLEY, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Fourth Masonic District, died at New York, March 23, 1911.

BRO. HIGLEY was born in Genoa, New York, sixty-four years ago. He was graduated from Hamilton College in 1862. For several years following his graduation he was engaged in educational work. He was School Commissioner for the Second District of Cayuga County, Principal of the Cayuga Lake Academy at Aurora, N. Y., Superintendent of Schools at Auburn, and principal of the West Side High School in Cleveland. Later he was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction at Dayton, Ohio.

He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1874, and remained in active practice until he was elected Judge of the Police Courts of Cincinnati in 1881. He came to this city three years later and began his law practice. BRO. HIGLEY held membership in the Republican Club, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Empire State Society, the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, the Patria Club, the Ohio Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

BRO. HIGLEY was initiated in Crescent Lodge, No. 402, in 1890, and affiliated with Independent Royal Arch Lodge in 1893, of which he subsequently became the Master.

He was a man of fine personal appearance, scholarly, and most courteous to all. He graced the Fraternity by his mem-

bership, and dignified the offices to which his Brethren elected and appointed him. Measured by the standard of usefulness, his years were altogether too few.

R. W. ALEXANDER B. KING, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Ninth (now the Seventeenth) Masonic District, died at Troy, April 11, 1911, aged eighty-six years.

BRO. KING was a member of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, No. 91, and its Master during the years 1864-1867. During his long and useful life he was a devoted Craftsman, filling every office of the Fraternity and its Appendant Orders with distinguished ability and zeal. Ripe in years and full of honors, he has passed to the great majority, leaving a Masonic record worthy of emulation.

R. W. THOMAS LAWSON, Past Master of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 487, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died April 25, in his seventy-second year. Funeral services were held at his late residence, 133 West Eighty-fourth Street. BRO. LAWSON was a veteran Mason, and was a member of Union Chapter No. 180, Columbian Council No. 1, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36, Mecca Temple, the Masonic Veterans, the Square Club, the Masonic Club, and an honorary member of Globe Lodge No. 588. BRO. LAWSON was for many years captain of various Hudson River steamboats. He was an enthusiastic horseman, and was First Vice-President of the Road Drivers' Association.

R. W. ROBERT OGILVY, of Harlem Lodge, No. 457, for many years one of the best-known Masons in Harlem, died April 25, aged 76 years. Funeral services were held at his late residence, 115 East One Hundred and Fourteenth Street. BRO. OGILVY was born in England, and came to this country in 1854. He was raised in Harlem Lodge in July, 1860, and served the Lodge in one capacity or another from that time until January, 1910. He was Master in 1863, and again in 1887. He was Secretary for thirty-five years, and it is said that when he retired from that office, a little more than a year ago, he was the only brother who personally knew every member of Harlem Lodge. He served a number of years as Grand Repre-

sentative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and was a member of the Masonic Veterans. BRO. OGILVY was an honorary member of Architect, Gavel, Bunting and Golden Rule Lodges, and until his health failed a few years ago he was very regular in his attendance at those Lodges.

## NECROLOGY.

M. W. GEORGE H. KENYON, Past Grand Master of Rhode Island, died at Providence, May 7, 1910.

M. W. BYRON P. DAGUE, Past Grand Master of South Dakota, died at Daytona, Florida, May 8, 1910.

R. W. GEORGE HAYES, Past Grand Treasurer, died at Mt. Vernon, May 22, 1910.

M. W. JOHN M. PEARSON, Past Grand Master of Illinois, died at Chicago, June 4, 1910.

R. W. THOMAS MOORE, Past District Deputy Grand Master Seventh Masonic District, died at New York, July 18, 1910.

M. W. HENRY W. RUGG, Grand Master of Rhode Island, died at Providence, July 21, 1910.

M. W. JAMES TEN EYCK, Past Grand Master, died at Albany, July 28, 1910.

M. W. JOHN R. SMITH, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, died at Trenton, July 30, 1910.

M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS, Past Grand Master, died at Mohonk, August 5, 1910.

M. W. WILLIAM ARCHER, Earl of Amherst, Past Pro Grand Master of England, died at Sevenoaks, Kent, August 14, 1910.

M. W. CHARLES W. NASH, Past Grand Master of Minnesota,  
died at Marietta Court, Dakota, August 18, 1910.

M. W. CHARLES H. MANN, Past Grand Master of New Jersey,  
died at Paris, France, August 20, 1910.

M. W. CHARLES K. COUTANT, Past Grand Master of Nebraska,  
died at Omaha, August 23, 1910.

R. W. FRANK CHAMBERLAIN, Past District Deputy Grand Master,  
died at Albany, August 23, 1910.

R. W. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Past District Deputy Grand Master Sixth Masonic District,  
died near Middletown, Connecticut, September 6, 1910.

M. W. SYLVANUS J. QUINN, Past Grand Master of Virginia,  
died near Fredericksburg, September 7, 1910.

M. W. JACOB T. BARRON, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of South Carolina,  
died at Kansas City, Missouri, September 16, 1910.

M. W. JETHRO TABOR HOLLIDAY, Past Grand Master of Wyoming,  
died at Laramie, September 20, 1910.

R. W. SAMUEL G. DAVIS, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine,  
died at Washington, D. C., September 23, 1910.

R. W. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Former Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania,  
died at New York, September 25, 1910.

R. W. and REV. GEORGE NIXON, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain,  
died at Yonkers, September 28, 1910.

R. W. GEORGE W. WYCKOFF, Past Grand Standard Bearer,  
died at New York, October 1, 1910.

**R. W. HARRISON JORDAN**, Past Deputy Grand Master of Montana, died at Whitehall, October 2, 1910.

**M. W. FRANK PIERCE**, Grand Master of California, died at San Francisco, October 3, 1910.

**R. W. WILLIAM F. JENKS**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Eighteenth Masonic District, died at Southern Pines, North Carolina, October 3, 1910.

**R. W. HARLAN J. SWIFT**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Twenty-third Masonic District, died at North Evans, October 6, 1910.

**M. W. JOHN M. HODSON**, Past Grand Master of Oregon, died at Portland, October 9, 1910.

**M. W. ISAAC P. LEYDEN**, Past Grand Master of Indiana, died at New Albany, October 11, 1910.

**V. W. CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE**, Grand Secretary of Nevada, died at Carson, October 22, 1910.

**R. W. JAMES M. LARRABEE**, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, died at Gardiner, October 24, 1910.

**M. W. WILLIAM C. ALLEN**, Past Grand Master of South Dakota, died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 9, 1910.

**M. W. DAVID W. CLEMENTS**, Past Grand Master of Iowa, died at West Union, November 16, 1910.

**M. W. WILLIAM F. BUTCHER**, Past Grand Master of Oregon, died at Portland, November 17, 1910.

**M. W. CARL WIEBE**, Past Grand Master of Hamburg, died at Hamburg, November 17, 1910.



- R.: W.: FLOYD G. SHUFELT**, District Deputy Grand Master Forty-first Masonic District, died at Malone, November 18, 1910.
- M.: W.: FREDERICK H. WALDRON**, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, died at New Haven, November 20, 1910.
- M.: W.: SIMEON P. GILLETT**, Past Grand Master of Indiana, died at Wansville, November 26, 1910.
- M.: W.: JOHN C. POSTLETHWAITE**, Past Grand Master of Kansas, died at Jewell City, November 26, 1910.
- R.: W.: HENRY A. POWELL**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Second Masonic District, died at Brooklyn, November 28, 1910.
- M.: W.: LUCIEN A. FOOTE**, Past Grand Master of Indiana, died at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, November 30, 1910.
- R.: W.: ROBERT McDOWELL**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Eleventh Masonic District, died at Stapleton, November 30, 1910.
- BRO. HORACE H. BROCKWAY**, former Trustee Hall and Asylum Fund, died at New York, December 5, 1910.
- R.: W.: GEORGE W. ARNOLD**, former Representative Grand Lodge of Quebec, died at North Tarrytown, December 7, 1910.
- R.: W.: JOSEPH A. LACKEY**, former Representative Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died at New York, December 27, 1910.
- M.: W.: JOHN CORSON SMITH**, Past Grand Master of Illinois, died at Chicago, December 31, 1910.
- R.: W.: EMERSON FORD**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Fifteenth Masonic District, died at Oak Hill, December 31, 1910.

- R. W. WILLIAM M. ISAAC**, Grand Secretary of Maryland, died at Baltimore, January 4, 1911.
- M. W. HENRY R. CANNON**, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, died at Elizabeth, January 9, 1911.
- R. W. WILLIAM WOOD**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Twelfth Masonic District, died at Cold Spring, January 16, 1911.
- R. W. S. OLIN FOSTER**, Past District Deputy Grand Master Twenty-fourth Masonic District, died at Denver, Colorado, January 17, 1911.
- M. W. BENJAMIN ROGERS**, Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, died at Charlottetown, January 21, 1911.
- R. W. RICHARD H. THOMAS**, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund and Past District Deputy Grand Master, Fourth Masonic District, died at New York, January 24, 1911.
- M. W. WILLIAM B. WILSON**, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died at Lincoln, Nebraska, January 24, 1911.
- M. W. HENRY HARRISON BLAIR**, Past Grand Master of South Dakota, died at Elk Point, February 27, 1911.
- M. W. FREDERICK H. FILES**, Past Grand Master of South Dakota, died at Madison, March 1, 1911.
- R. W. ALBERT MERRITT**, Past Grand Sword Bearer, died at Brooklyn, March 3, 1911.
- M. W. CHILES C. COLEMAN**, Past Grand Master of Kansas, died at Clay Centre, March 4, 1911.
- M. W. FREDERIC SPEED**, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Mississippi, died at Vicksburg, March 10, 1911.

- M. W. D. DUDLEY WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master of Alabama, died at Oxford, March 12, 1911.
- R. W. EMERSON I. LORD, Past District Deputy Grand Master Twenty-second Masonic District, died at Champlain, March 14, 1911.
- M. W. EDWARD CLEMENT ATKINSON, Past Grand Master of California, died at Sacramento, March 20, 1911.
- R. W. WARREN HIGLEY, Past District Deputy Grand Master Fourth Masonic District, died at New York, March 23, 1911.
- M. W. WILLIAM M. ACKLEY, Past Grand Master of Rhode Island, died at Brooklyn, March 27, 1911.
- R. W. ALEXANDER B. KING, Past District Deputy Grand Master Ninth Masonic District (now the Seventeenth), died at Troy, April 11, 1911.
- M. W. JOHN MCLEAN, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire, died at Southern Pines, North Carolina, April 13, 1911.
- M. W. LUDWIG KLAPP, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Hamburg, died at Hamburg, April 13, 1911.
- R. W. THOMAS LAWSON, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon near the Grand Lodge of New York, died at New York, April 25, 1911.
- R. W. ROBERT OGILVY, former Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died at New York, April 25, 1911.

## DISPENSATIONS.

1910.

- May 13, To R. W. RUDOLPH HOLDE to constitute Norsemen Lodge, No. 878, and install its officers, May 20, 1910.

- May 13, To R. W. WILLIAM WALLACE TAYLOR, Past District Deputy Grand Master Eighth Masonic District, to constitute Trowel Lodge, No. 873, and install its officers, May 27, 1910.
- May 16, To R. W. RUDOLPH HOLDE to constitute Bredablick Lodge, No. 880, and install its officers, May 21, 1910.
- May 16, To R. W. CHARLES G. F. WAHLE, Judge Advocate, to constitute Truth Lodge, No. 881, and install its officers, May 25, 1910.
- May 16, To M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Past Grand Master, to constitute West Point Lodge, No. 877, and install its officers, June 30, 1910.
- May 16, To R. W. JOHN M. JAMES, District Deputy Grand Master Fourteenth Masonic District, to constitute Hendrik Hudson Lodge, No. 875, and install its officers, June 28, 1910.
- May 16, To R. W. J. STEWART WILSON, Past District Deputy Grand Master Eighth Masonic District, to constitute Mordecai Lodge, No. 876, and install its officers, May 23, 1910.
- May 16, To R. W. PASQUALE PEPE, District Deputy Grand Master Tenth Masonic District, to constitute Cavour Lodge, No. 872, and install its officers, June 1, 1910.
- May 16, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge in the Borough of Queens.
- May 17, To R. W. THOMAS PENNEY, Senior Grand Warden, to constitute Charles W. Cushman Lodge, No. 879, and install its officers, May 26, 1910.
- May 17, To R. W. MILTON W. DAVISON, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, to constitute Warren Patchin Lodge, No. 883, and install its officers, June 10, 1910.

- May 17, To R. W. WILLIAM S. FARMER, Junior Grand Warden, to constitute Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 874, and install its officers, August 17, 1910.
- May 17, To R. W. SAMUEL F. SWINBURNE, District Deputy Grand Master Twelfth Masonic District, to constitute Bryn Mawr Lodge, No. 882, and install its officers, June 3, 1910.
- May 17, To R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master, to lay the cornerstone of the new hospital at Saratoga.
- May 21, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge in the City of New York.
- May 26, To R. W. MILTON W. DAVISON, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, to lay the cornerstone of the new Town Hall at Belmont.
- June 8, To R. W. JAMES M. DE GARMO to lay the cornerstone of the school building at Fishkill.
- June 28, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge at Pleasantville.
- June 28, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge at Lackawanna.
- June 28, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge in the City of New York.
- July 1, To W. AGOSTINO DI BELLA, Master Garibaldi Lodge, No. 542, to unveil the Bust of Garibaldi on Staten Island.
- Aug. 22, To R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master, to lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple of Greenbush Lodge, No. 337.

- Oct. 5. To W.'. JAMES A. FERGUSON, Master Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, to dedicate the monument erected to the memory of R.'. W.'. GEORGE A. ELWOOD in Red Hook Cemetery, Dutchess County.
- Nov. 5, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge at Port Chester.
- Nov. 25, To R.'. W.'. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master, to dedicate the new hall of Warrensburgh Lodge, No. 425.
- Dec. 3, To R.'. W.'. J. SOLEY COLE, District Deputy Grand Master Twenty-sixth Masonic District, to dedicate the new hall of Baron Steuben Lodge, No. 264, December 15, 1910.
- Dec. 8, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge in the City of New York.
- Dec. 15, To Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 17, To Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 17, To Aurora Lodge, No. 383, to continue work in such secure place as may be obtained in place of rooms destroyed by fire.
- Dec. 20, To Ellicottville Lodge, No. 307, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 27, To Mazzini Lodge, No. 824, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 27, To Lexington Lodge, No. 310, to elect and install officers.
- Dec. 27, To Liverpool Lodge, No. 525, to elect and install officers.

Dec. 27, To Globe Lodge, No. 588, to elect and install officers.

Dec. 28, To Halcyon Lodge, No. 832, to elect and install officers.

Dec. 30, To various Brethren to establish a Lodge in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Dec. 31, To Independent Lodge, No. 185, to elect and install officers.

1911.

Jan. 3, To Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, to install officers.

Jan. 3, To Rochester Lodge, No. 660, to elect and install officers.

Jan. 4, To Warsaw Lodge, No. 549, to install officers.

Jan. 5, To Candor Lodge, No. 411, to install officers.

Jan. 6, To Riverhead Lodge, No. 645, to install officers.

Jan. 6, To Niagara Lodge, No. 375, to install officers.

Jan. 7, To Cascade Lodge, No. 427, to install officers.

Jan. 9, To Gavel Lodge, No. 703, to install the Master.

Jan. 12, To Batavia Lodge, No. 475, to install officers.

Mar. 2, To Somerset Lodge, No. 639, to elect and install officers.

Mar. 9, To R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master, to dedicate the new Temple of Greenbush Lodge, No. 337.

Mar. 20, To Joseph Enos Lodge, No. 318, to install officers.

Apr. 8, To Berean Lodge, No. 811, to meet in such secure place as may be obtained pending the building of other rooms.

Apr. 18, To Hudson Lodge, No. 7, to continue work in such secure place as may be obtained pending the repairs to the Masonic Temple destroyed by fire.

April 19, To Aquila Lodge, No. 700, to meet in such secure place as may be obtained pending repairs to the Masonic Temple, damaged by fire.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

1910.

June 6, R. W. CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, Representative near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

June 15, R. W. ARTHUR STERLING GORRELL, Representative near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Sept. 2, R. W. W. JUDSON OLDFIELD, Representative near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Dec. 5, R. W. ROY N. PORTER, District Deputy Grand Master Forty-first Masonic District, vice SHUFELT, deceased.

1911.

Jan. 21, W. WILLARD A. RILL, Committee on Antiquities.

Feb. 16, R. W. S. D. STOKES, Representative near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

April 19, R. W. J. D. WOORTMAN, Representative near the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in place of R. W. KARL ROHLK, deceased.

#### ACCREDITED.

1910.

June 6, R. W. LOUIS NEUFFER, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

July 5, R. W. JAMES E. HARDENBERGH, Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.



July 15, R.'. W.'. OTTO DENIS, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Sept. 16, R.'. W.'. FREDERICK W. WHITE, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Sept. 27, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM J. MOORE, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine. .

Nov. 29, R.'. W.'. CHARLES SHUFELT, Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

1911.

Jan. 7, R.'. W.'. DAVID MACKAY, Jr., Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Mar. 2, R.'. W.'. JOHN W. ENGLAND, Representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Mar. 14, R.'. W.'. CHARLES T. LUNT, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Mar. 20, R.'. W.'. THOMAS LEARY, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Mar. 21, R.'. W.'. JOSEPH MORRIS WARD, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Apr. 5, R.'. W.'. ROBERT FROTHINGHAM, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Apr. 5, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM R. HUGHES, Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

#### CEREMONIES.

1910.

May 12, M.'. W.'. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, accompanied by M.'. W.'. WILLIAM SHERER, M.'. W.'. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, Past Grand Masters; R.'. W.'. THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Past Grand Treasurer; R.'. W.'. JAMES S. LAWSON, R.'. W.'.

DESMOND O. EVERHARD, District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. GEORGE FREIFELD, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. JOHN E. SPARROW, Grand Representative; R. W. RUFUS L. SCOTT, JR., Custodian of the Work; R. W. ABEL CROOK, Past Judge Advocate; R. W. FRANK W. ROBBINS and R. W. CHARLES A. TONSOR, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. JAMES McCULLOUGH, Past Grand Steward, attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Stella Lodge, No. 485.

**June 9, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY**, Grand Master, accompanied by R. W. THOMAS PENNEY, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. CARL D. CASE, Grand Chaplain; R. W. ARTHUR M. SUOR, R. W. GEORGE G. STREET, Grand Stewards; R. W. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, District Deputy Grand Master; R. W. J. WILLIAM PROUSE, R. W. THOMAS A. LAIRD, R. W. OTTO W. VOLGER, R. W. SAMUEL F. PRATT, R. W. ANDREW J. KELLER, Grand Representatives; R. W. ELIAS HAFFA, R. W. HENRY SCHAEFER, and R. W. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. GEORGE H. CHASE, Past Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. RAY M. STANLEY, Past Grand Steward; R. W. JOHN G. WALLENMEIER, JR., Committee on Audit; W. ERNEST A. HAZEL, Master Hiram Lodge, No. 105; W. GEORGE MOELLER, Master Concordia Lodge, No. 143; W. CHARLES L. BULLYMORE, Master Erie Lodge, No. 161; W. WILLIAM F. ELMENDORF, Master Washington Lodge, No. 240; W. ROBERT W. WILSON, Master Parish Lodge, No. 292; W. ELMER B. KUHN, Master Springville Lodge, No. 351; W. E. HARLAN WILLIAMS, Master Blazing Star Lodge, No. 694; W. FRED L. HARTMAYER, Master Harmonie Lodge, No. 699; W. RALPH R. YOUNG, Master

Depew Lodge, No. 823; W. WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, Master Highland Lodge, No. 835; W. H. EDSON WEBSTER, Master Transportation Lodge, No. 842; W. ALVAH A. ADAMY, Master Buffalo Lodge, No. 846, and W. JAMES L. NIXON, Master Charles W. Cushman Lodge, No. 879, attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of De Molay Lodge, No. 498.

June 25, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. EDWARD M. FETHERS, as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. GEORGE F. LAWRIE, as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; R. W. H. GREELEY BROWN, as Grand Secretary; R. W. CHARLES DU BOIS BROUGHTON, R. W. JAMES C. RUSSELL, R. W. WILLIAM E. STEVENS, Grand Chaplains; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. ROBERT A. STEWART, Grand Standard Bearer; R. W. ADOLPH KAUDER, R. W. ISAAC STIEFEL, R. W. MOSES B. SCHMIDT, R. W. EDWARD H. CLARK, R. W. SAMUEL G. NICHOLS, Grand Sword Bearers; R. W. MYRON D. JEWEL, R. W. EDWARD D. PETERS, R. W. ARTHUR M. SUOR, R. W. VALENTINE A. HAMMEL, R. W. CHARLES D. MCBRIDE, R. W. HENRY SCHWACK, R. W. WILLIAM H. SLEEPER, JR., Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. W. JAMES MCCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. ABEL CROOK, Judge Advocate; R. W. ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian; R. W. EDWIN A. QUICK, Grand Historian; W. JOSEPH MCELROY, Grand Tiler; R. W. JOHN D. STRAHMANN, R. W. JOHN H. SANFORD, R. W. EZRA A. BARNES, R. W. J. SOLEY COLE, R. W. WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, R. W. SAMUEL S. FORSTER, R. W. HARLAN C. VANDERHOEF, R. W. HUGH

M. FLEMING, District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. OSCAR F. LANE, Custodian of the Work; R. W. GEORGE FREIFELD, R. W. LOUIS E. BOMEISLER, R. W. GEORGE S. TINKLEPAUGH, Commissioners of Appeals; R. W. JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, Hall and Asylum Fund Committee; R. W. FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, Committee on Deceased Brethren; M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Past Grand Master; R. W. FREDERICK P. MORRIS, Past Grand Treasurer; R. W. JOSEPH FITCH, R. W. THEODORE C. LEFEVRE, R. W. WILLIAM I. TABER, R. W. DOW BEEKMAN, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. CHRISTIAN C. GERHARDT, Past Grand Steward; R. W. JOHN J. OSTRANDER, Past Grand Sword Bearer, and R. W. JOHN L. SHAW, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, laid the cornerstone of the Richfield Springs Library.

June 26, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, accompanied by R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. THOMAS PENNEY, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. WILLIAM S. FARMER, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; R. W. WILLIAM E. STEVENS, Grand Chaplain; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. ROBERT A. STEWART, Grand Standard Bearer; R. W. ADOLPH KAUDER, R. W. ISAAC STIEFEL, R. W. MOSES B. SCHMIDT, R. W. EDWARD H. CLARK, R. W. SAMUEL G. NICHOLS, Grand Sword Bearers; R. W. GEORGE G. STREET, R. W. CHARLES L. BANKS, R. W. MYRON D. JEWEL, R. W. EDWARD D. PETERS, R. W. ARTHUR M. SUOR, Grand Stewards; R. W. VALENTINE A. HAMMEL, R. W. HENRY SCHWACK, R. W. WALTER E. LINK, R. W. WILLIAM H. SLEEPER, JR., R. W. WILLIAM KARLE, R. W. CHARLES D. MCBRIDE, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. W.

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R.'. W.'. JOHN G. WALLENMEIER, Jr., Committee on Audit; R.'. W.'. FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS, Committee on Deceased Brethren; M.'. W.'. WILLIAM SHERER, M.'. W.'. JOHN W. VROOMAN, M.'. W.'. SAMUEL NELSON SAWYER, Past Grand Masters; R.'. W.'. FREDERICK P. MORRIS, Past Grand Treasurer; R.'. W.'. LANCELOT STEVENSON, R.'. W.'. J. ROBERT JOHNSON, R.'. W.'. HARRY P. KNOWLES, Past Grand Sword Bearers; R.'. W.'. CHRISTIAN C. GERHARDT, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM R. YOUNG, Past Grand Stewards; R.'. W.'. CHARLES I. WHITE, R.'. W.'. JOHN L. SHAW, Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.'. W.'. THEODORE C. LEFEVRE, R.'. W.'. JOHN E. VIRDEN, R.'. W.'. JOHN B. VIBBARD, R.'. W.'. ARTHUR J. BROMLEY, R.'. W.'. SAMUEL H. STERNBERG, R.'. W.'. HERMAN J. KATZ, R.'. W.'. JOSEPH FITCH, R.'. W.'. JOHN W. SPARROW, R.'. W.'. GEORGE W. NORRIS, R.'. W.'. ENSIGN S. HOMER, R.'. W.'. FRANK D. BURGESS, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R.'. W.'. HENRY B. PRUSER, R.'. W.'. DOW BEEKMAN, R.'. W.'. NOBLE F. MARTIN, Past Trustees, and R.'. W.'. EDWIN B. ANDERSON, Past Grand Commander, visited the Home at Utica.

**Aug. 20,** M.'. W.'. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R.'. W.'. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Deputy Grand Master; R.'. W.'. EARL J. ADAMS, as Senior Grand Warden; R.'. W.'. DANA B. PRATT, as Junior Grand Warden; R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; R.'. W.'. HARRY L. HEDGER, as Grand Secretary; R.'. W.'. WILLIAM R. WATSON, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM E. STEVENS, Grand Chaplains; R.'. W.'. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R.'. W.'. EDWARD WILLIAMS, Grand Sword Bearer; R.'. W.'. ADOLPH KAUDER, R.'. W.'. ISAAC STIEFEL, R.'. W.'. GEORGE W. HACKENBERGER, R.'. W.'. CHARLES L. BANKS, Grand Stew-

ards; R. W. JOHN L. LYTTLE, R. W. WILLIAM H. SLEEPER, JR., R. W. CHARLES D. MCBRIDE, R. W. HENRY SCHWACK, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian; R. W. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, Grand Pursuivant; W. JOSEPH MCELROY, Grand Tiler; R. W. JAMES H. BRICE, R. W. JOSEPH A. FORRESTER, R. W. WILLIAM H. WEEKS, R. W. JAMES D. MCGIFFERT, R. W. JOHN H. SANFORD, District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. LORENZ ZELLER, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. RICHARD H. THOMAS, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund; R. W. THOMAS W. TAYLOR, R. W. MAYHEW W. BRONSON, R. W. JOHN E. SPARROW, R. W. HENRY C. STRAHMANN, R. W. WILLIAM F. WIEBE, R. W. MOSES GREENBAUM, R. W. GEORGE W. MILLAR, R. W. LOUIS DAVIS, R. W. ARTHUR HILLEBRAND, Grand Representatives; M. W. WILLIAM SHERER, Past Grand Master; R. W. FREDERICK P. MORRIS, Past Grand Treasurer; R. W. EMANUEL LOEWENSTEIN, Committee on Foreign Correspondence; R. W. JAMES S. LAWSON, Committee on Grievances; R. W. WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS, R. W. FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, Committee on Deceased Brethren; R. W. JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund; R. W. AUGUST EICKELBERG, Custodian of the Work; R. W. JOHN S. DENTON, R. W. WILLIAM BAMBER, Past Grand Representatives; R. W. WILLIAM C. PRIME, R. W. JOSEPH FITCH, R. W. CHARLES L. PHIPPS, R. W. ROBERT SEABURY, R. W. JOHN G. SNYDER, R. W. RICHARD SHEPARD, R. W. JOHN H. SMITH, R. W. JOHN W. RICHARDSON, R. W. JOHN E. VIRDEN, R. W. SAMUEL H. STERNBERG, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. WILLIAM F. RUTHERFORD, R. W. CHARLES

I. WHITE, Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.'. W.'. JOSIAH W. L. VAN SICLEN, R.'. W.'. LANCELOT STEVENSON, Past Grand Sword Bearers; R.'. W.'. CHARLES A. TIPLING, Past Senior Grand Deacon; R.'. W.'. JAMES H. CODDING, Grand Secretary General A. A. S. R.; W.'. WALTER R. JONES, W.'. FRED H. WEFER, W.'. EMIL R. THIEFES, and W.'. FREDERICK C. MEACHAM, Past Masters, laid the cornerstone of the new Temple of Morton Lodge, No. 63.

Sept. 17, M.'. W.'. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. POVALL, as Deputy Grand Master; R.'. W.'. EDWARD H. CLARK, as Senior Grand Warden; R.'. W.'. ROBERT G. HOLDEN, as Junior Grand Warden; R.'. W.'. GEORGE E. HATCH, as Grand Treasurer; R.'. W.'. CHARLES M. COLTON, as Grand Secretary; BRO. CLARENCE E. SUTTON, as Grand Chaplain; R.'. W.'. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Grand Marshal; R.'. W.'. MAYHEW W. BRONSON, as Grand Standard Bearer; R.'. W.'. FRED B. MORGAN, as Grand Sword Bearer; BRO. HENRY L. MARSH, W.'. JOHN B. MULLAN, as Grand Stewards; W.'. E. N. BENTLEY, as Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WEEKS, as Senior Grand Deacon; W.'. J. W. BEACH, as Junior Grand Warden; W.'. JOSEPH McELROY, Grand Tiler, and M.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Past Grand Master, dedicated the new Temple of Livonia Lodge, No. 778.

Oct. 2, M.'. W.'. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, accompanied by R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary; R.'. W.'. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R.'. W.'. ISAAC STIEFEL, R.'. W.'. ADOLPH KAUDER, Grand Sword Bearers; R.'. W.'. GEORGE W. HACKENBERGER, Grand Steward; R.'. W.'. JOHN L. LYTTLE, R.'. W.'. VALENTINE A.



HAMMEL, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. W. JAMES McCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. PAUL M. CRANDELL, R. W. DANA B. PRATT, R. W. JOHN D. STRAHMANN, R. W. ANDREW T. TALLMADGE, R. W. JOSEPH A. FORRESTER, District Deputy Grand Masters; B. W. GEORGE FREIFELD, R. W. LORENZ ZELLER, Commissioners of Appeals; R. W. EMANUEL LOEWENSTEIN, Committee on Foreign Correspondence; R. W. JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, Hall and Asylum Fund Committee, and R. W. FREDERICK G. LEMMERMAN, Committee on Deceased Brethren, attended the Traubenfest of the Ninth Masonic District.

Oct. 10, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. ARTHUR F. BOUTON, as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. EARL J. ADAMS, as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. WILLIAM R. WATSON, Grand Chaplain; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. ROBERT A. STEWART, Grand Standard Bearer; R. W. JAMES McCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; W. JOSEPH McELROY, Grand Tiler; W. JAMES D. MCGIFFERT, District Deputy Grand Master; R. W. JOHN E. SPARROW, R. W. MAYHEW W. BRONSON, R. W. JAMES A. LAWSON, Grand Representatives; R. W. HIRAM L. HATCH and R. W. JOHN F. HALSTEAD, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, dedicated the new Temple of Monticello Lodge, No. 532.

Oct. 17, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, accompanied by R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. SAMUEL H. NICHOL, R.

W.: MORTIMER METZGER, R.: W.: MOSES B. SCHMIDT, Grand Sword Bearers; R.: W.: GEORGE W. HACKENBERGER, Grand Steward; R.: W.: JOHN L. LYTTLE, R.: W.: WILLIAM H. SLEEPER, Jr., R.: W.: HENRY SCHWACK, R.: W.: CHARLES D. McBRIDE, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.: W.: JAMES McCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: ABEL CROOK, Judge Advocate; R.: W.: ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian; R.: W.: EARL J. ADAMS, R.: W.: JOHN J. MACCRUM, R.: W.: JAMES H. BRICE, R.: W.: HAROLD E. LIP-PINCOTT, R.: W.: DANA B. PRATT, R.: W.: ANDREW T. TALLMADGE, R.: W.: JOHN D. STRAHMANN, R.: W.: JEAN C. TANTY, District Deputy Grand Masters; R.: W.: GEORGE FREIFELD, R.: W.: GEORGE F. LAWRIE, Commissioners of Appeals; R.: W.: FRANK E. HAFF, Trustee Hall and Asylum Fund; R.: W.: RUFUS L. SCOTT, JR., Custodian of the Work; M.: W.: WILLIAM SHERER, Past Grand Master; R.: W.: EMANUEL LOEWENSTEIN, Committee on Foreign Correspondence; R.: W.: JAMES S. LAWSON, R.: W.: DESMOND O. EVERHARD, Committee on Grievances; R.: W.: GEORGE CROMWELL, Committee on Constitution; R.: W.: WILLIAM J. MAXWELL, Hall and Asylum Fund Committee; R.: W.: FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, Committee on Deceased Brethren; R.: W.: JOHN G. SNYDER, Committee on Antiquities; R.: W.: THEODORE A. TAYLOR, and R.: W.: FREDERICK P. MORRIS, Past Grand Treasurers; R.: W.: ANDREW J. CORSA, R.: W.: ALFRED L. MADISON, R.: W.: CHRISTIAN DOHM, R.: W.: JOHN E. SPARROW, R.: W.: WILLIAM M. CALDER, R.: W.: DELBERT GREENE, R.: W.: HENRY ULMANN, R.: W.: THOMAS W. TAYLOR, R.: W.: CLARENCE G. FRANKLIN, Grand Representatives; R.: W.: WILLIAM D. NIPER, R.: W.: CHARLES A. TONSOR, R.: W.: ROBERT L. SMITH, Past

District Deputy Grand Masters, and R. W. FREDERICK J. MILLIGAN, Past Grand Sword Bearer, opened the Brooklyn Masonic Fair.

Nov. 5, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. EARL J. ADAMS, as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. ALFRED L. MADISON, as Grand Treasurer; R. W. JAMES D. MCGIFFERT, as Grand Secretary; R. W. WILLIAM R. WATSON, Grand Chaplain; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. ISAAC STIEFEL, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. CHARLES L. BANKS, Grand Steward; R. W. JAMES MCCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian; W. JOSEPH MCELROY, Grand Tiler; R. W. JOHN D. STRAHMANN, District Deputy Grand Master; R. W. MAYHEW W. BRONSON, R. W. JOHN E. SPARROW, R. W. WILLIAM J. MOORE, Grand Representatives; R. W. CHARLES W. MANY, R. W. MOSES D. GETTY, R. W. JOHN F. HALSTEAD, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and R. W. JAMES E. HARDENBERGH, Grand Representative, laid the corner-stone of the Federal Building at Middletown.

Nov. 16, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, accompanied by R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary; R. W. WILLIAM N. HUBBELL, R. W. WILLIAM E. STEVENS, Grand Chaplain; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. SAMUEL G. NICHOL, R. W. ISAAC STIEFEL, R. W. MORTIMER METZGER, R. W. ADOLPH KAUDER, Grand Sword Bearers; R. W. GEORGE W. HACKENBERGER, Grand Steward; R.

W.: JOHN L. LYTTLE, R.: W.: HENRY SCHWACK, R.: W.: SAMUEL GOLDBACH, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.: W.: JAMES MCCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian; R.: W.: EDWIN A. QUICK, Grand Historian; R.: W.: JOHN A. WILLIAMS, Grand Pursuivant; W.: JOSEPH MCELROY, Grand Tiler; R.: W.: JAMES H. BRICE, R.: W.: PAUL M. CRANDELL, R.: W.: HAROLD E. LIPPINCOTT, R.: W.: DANA B. PRATT, District Deputy Grand Masters; R.: W.: GEORGE T. MONTGOMERY, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund; R.: W.: AUGUST EICKELBERG, Custodian of the Work; R.: W.: JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, Committee on Hall and Asylum; R.: W.: FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, R.: W.: WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS, Committee on Deceased Brethren; M.: W.: WILLIAM SHERER, Past Grand Master; R.: W.: WILLIAM J. McDONALD, Past Grand Treasurer; R.: W.: ALBERT W. WILLIAMS, Grand Representative; R.: W.: HARRY P. KNOWLES, R.: W.: JOHN R. JOHNSTON, R.: W.: ALBERT BEHNING, Past Grand Sword Bearers; R.: W.: RICHARD SHEPARD, R.: W.: WILLIAM C. PRIME, R.: W.: THEODORE C. LEFEVRE, R.: W.: E. PERCY HOWARD, R.: W.: FREDERICK P. HAMMOND, R.: W.: WILLIAM E. WILKINSON, R.: W.: GEORGE LOESCH, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R.: W.: EDWARD C. WHITE, R.: W.: THOMAS S. ROANE, Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.: W.: DONALD GOW, R.: W.: JOHN OSBORNE, R.: W.: O. H. LABARRE, Past Grand Representatives, and R.: W.: HENRY B. PRUSER, Past Grand Marshal, attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pyramid Lodge, No. 490.

**Nov. 28, M.: W.: ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY**, Grand Master, assisted by R.: W.: FRANK E. HAFF, as Deputy

Grand Master; R. W. ISAAC N. FAILOR, as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. FREDERICK P. MORRIS, as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; R. W. FREDERICK W. NORRIS, R. W. WILLIAM R. WATSON, Grand Chaplains; R. W. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Grand Marshal; R. W. ROBERT A. STEWART, Grand Standard Bearer; R. W. MOSES B. SCHMIDT, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. JESSE C. MILLS, Grand Steward; R. W. HENRY SCHWACK, R. W. JOHN J. LYTTLE, R. W. VALENTINE A. HAMMEL, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. W. JAMES McCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; W. JOSEPH McELROY, Grand Tiler; R. W. HARRY L. HEDGER, District Deputy Grand Master; R. W. LORENZ ZELLER, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. AUGUST EICKELBERG, Custodian of the Work; R. W. WILLIAM J. MOORE, R. W. ALFRED L. MADISON, R. W. MAYHEW W. BRONSON, R. W. JOHN E. SPARROW, R. W. JAMES E. HARDENBERGH, Grand Representatives; R. W. DESMOND O. EVERHARD, R. W. JAMES S. LAWSON, Committee on Grievances; R. W. JOHN P. RUF, R. W. WILLIAM H. LISK, Committee on Antiquities; W. FRANK G. STANLEY, W. JAMES S. MASTERMAN and W. H. CLYDE SNYDER, dedicated the Temple of Babylon Lodge, No. 793.

Jan. 26, 1911, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. EARL J. ADAMS, Senior Grand Warden; M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary; R. W. WILLIAM R. WATSON, R. W. WILLIAM M. HUBBELL, Grand Chaplains; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. ISAAC STIEFEL, R. W. ADOLPH KAUDER, Grand Sword Bearers; R. W.

JOHN L. LYTTLE, R. W. WILLIAM H. SLEEPER, JR., R. W. HENRY SCHWACK, R. W. CHARLES D. MCBRIDE, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R. W. JAMES McCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. ABEL CROOK, Judge Advocate; R. W. ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian; R. W. DANA B. PRATT, R. W. JOHN D. STRAHMANN, District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. GEORGE FREIFELD, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. FRANK E. HAFF, Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund; R. W. THEODORE A. TAYLOR, Past Grand Treasurer; R. W. LOUIS DAVIS, R. W. SIDNEY MAY, R. W. WILLIAM J. MOORE, R. W. MOSES GREENBAUM, Grand Representatives; R. W. DESMOND O. EVERHARD, Committee on Grievances; R. W. FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, R. W. WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS, Committee on Deceased Brethren; R. W. J. CARL SCHMUCK, R. W. WILLIAM L. SWAN, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R. W. FREDERICK J. MILLIGAN, Past Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. HENRY PLATTE, R. W. JOHN A. SMITH, and R. W. DONALD MCKAY, dedicated the new Temple of Olympia Lodge, No. 808, at Far Rockaway.

March 1, M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, accompanied by M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary; R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R. W. VALENTINE A. HAMMEL, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. JOHN D. STRAHMANN, District Deputy Grand Master; R. W. EMIL FRENKEL, Committee on Foreign Correspondence; R. W. JACOB HOFER, R. W. LEOPOLD GUGGENBERGER, R. W. GUSTAVE ABRAMS, Grand Representatives; R. W. E. A. GEORGE INTEMANN. R. W. FRED EHLEN, R. W. FRED WIELER, R. W. FRED ZIMMER, R. W. CHARLES ARRAS, R. W.

JOHN J. HUBSCHMITT, R.'. W.'. ANDREW RIEDEL, R.'. W.'. FRED GRENZ, R.'. W.'. EDWARD M. MARUM, R.'. W.'. LOUIS DRIESEN, R.'. W.'. HENRY J. SCHRIEBER, Past District Deputy Grand Masters; R.'. W.'. CHRISTIAN C. GERHARDT, Past Grand Steward; R.'. W.'. OSCAR CAHN, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and R.'. W.'. ALBERT WAGNER, Past Grand Representative, attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Humboldt Lodge, No. 512.

April 17, M.'. W.'. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, assisted by R.'. W.'. HARRY L. HEDGER, as Deputy Grand Master; R.'. W.'. EARL J. ADAMS, as Senior Grand Warden; R.'. W.'. JOHN J. MACCRUM, as Junior Grand Warden; R.'. W.'. WILLIAM R. WATSON, Grand Chaplain; R.'. W.'. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal; R.'. W.'. ROBERT A. STEWART, Grand Standard Bearer; R.'. W.'. ADOLPH KAUDER, Grand Sword Bearer; R.'. W.'. CHARLES D. MCBRIDE, R.'. W.'. JOHN L. LYTTLE, R.'. W.'. HENRY SCHWACK, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. SLEEPER, JR., Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.'. W.'. JAMES MCCOURT, Senior Grand Deacon; R.'. W.'. ALBERT G. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon; R.'. W.'. ABEL CROOK, Judge Advocate; R.'. W.'. JAMES H. BRICE, R.'. W.'. JOHN D. STRAHMANN, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. WEEKS, District Deputy Grand Masters; R.'. W.'. AUGUST EICKELBERG, Custodian of the Work; R.'. W.'. FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN, Committee on Deceased Brethren; R.'. W.'. FREDERICK P. MORRIS, Past Grand Treasurer; R.'. W.'. ALBERT W. WILLIAMS, R.'. W.'. DAVID MACKAY, Jr., R.'. W.'. WILLIAM J. MADDEN, R.'. W.'. JOHN A. SMITH, R.'. W.'. ALFRED L. MADISON, R.'. W.'. JOHN W. ENGLAND, R.'. W.'. MAYHEW W. BRONSON, R.'. W.'. JOHN E. SPARROW, R.'. W.'. HERMAN STARK, R.'. W.'. HENRY C. STRAHMANN, R.'. W.'. LEOPOLD GUGGENBER-

GER, R.'. W.'. MOSES GREENBAUM, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM J. MOORE, R.'. W.'. JAMES E. HARDENBERGH, R.'. W.'. HARVEY A. PATTERSON, Grand Representatives; R.'. W.'. WILLIAM R. YOUNG, R.'. W.'. CLARENCE LINEBURGH, Past Grand Sword Bearers; R.'. W.'. HARRY J. PLATTE, R.'. W.'. ALBERT WINTERNITZ, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM J. HUTCHESON, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. CONNELL, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM F. RUTHERFORD, R.'. W.'. ROBERT SEABURY, R.'. W.'. JESSE B. MILLS, Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies; R.'. W.'. B. FRANK WOOD, R.'. W.'. WILLIAM H. LISK, R.'. W.'. CHARLES L. PHIPPS, R.'. W.'. PAUL H. GRIMM, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and W.'. JOSEPH McELROY, Grand Tiler, dedicated the new Temple of Mor-ton Lodge, No. 63, at Hempstead.

#### NEW LODGES.

Eight dispensations have been issued for the establishment of new Lodges, viz.: Wanderer, in the Borough of Queens; Courland, in the Borough of Manhattan; Pleasantville, at Pleasantville; Lackawanna, at Lackawanna; Empire, in the Borough of Manhattan; Laurel Leaf, at Port Chester; Garfield, in the Borough of Manhattan, and Equity, in the Second District, Borough of Brooklyn.

The several dispensations have been returned, and the reports and payments required by the Constitution to be made by said Lodges have been rendered.

The petitions of these Brethren to be enrolled as chartered Lodges of this Jurisdiction will be referred to the Committee on Charters, and in due course submitted to the Grand Lodge.

#### THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

The circular issued by this Association, April 1, 1911, contains sixteen additional names reported as impostors unworthy of the pecuniary assistance Lodges have extended to them. No



impostor is reported from New York, doubtless due to the fact that our Lodges, we being a subscriber to the maintenance of the Masonic Relief Association, are furnished with the name and description of each "tourist" when ascertained.

This Board has now discovered and brought to light 4,314 unworthy persons preying upon the credulity of our Craft in every section of the land.

#### GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

The report of this Association, composed of the Lodges in the Ninth District, familiarly known as the German District, is most interesting. It shows that the District is a unit in its work of benevolence. Every Brother has an honest and laudable pride in the magnificent Home the District has established at Tappan, and his purse and personal effort are ever ready in contributing towards the happiness and comfort of the old people who there find a home. It is indeed an inspiring sight to be present at the annual gathering of the Brethren of this District upon the occasion of their Traubenfest, at which several thousands assemble annually, the number being increased as the years go by.

While the Craft at large may point with some degree of pride to the Home at Utica, our German Brethren can with greater pride point to their beautiful home, perfect in all its appointments, charmingly located and splendidly managed, because in addition to the support they render to the Utica Home, they also maintain that at Tappan.

#### DISCIPLINE.

Near the close of last year the contemplated irregular action of a Lodge was called to my attention. The District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is located was instructed to warn the Master, Officers and Brethren against the proposed action as being unlawful, the Grand Master emphasizing the instructions issued by telegraphing the Master of the Lodge in the matter. Notwithstanding the warning of the District Deputy Grand Master and the instructions of the Grand Master, the Lodge, under the direction of its Master, paid no

attention thereto, and proceeded in its unlawful course. With this condition of affairs there remained nothing for me to do but to arrest the charter of the Lodge. Subsequently seventy-five members or more of that Lodge presented a petition showing that, by reason of long distance from the Lodge room, the inclemency of the weather and the poor conditions of the road, they were unable to be present at the Communications at which the irregularities occurred, and requested me to restore the charter.

A committee of the Brethren of the Lodge also waited upon me to urge that the charter be restored, pledging that if a dispensation were issued to hold a new election none of the old Officers would be permitted to take official station in the Lodge. It being made apparent to me that the great majority of the members of the Lodge were entirely innocent of the wrong-doing of the comparative few, I consented to issue the dispensation upon the condition suggested by the Committee. A new election was held, new Officers elected, and, upon charges preferred to me by the District Deputy Grand Master against the Master, Wardens and the Secretary, Trial Commissioners were appointed, and the trial of these Brethren is now pending.

I have purposely refrained from naming the Lodge or the District in which this irregularity occurred, for the reason that the great majority of the Brethren of that Lodge would be humiliated in the publication of the occurrences referred to, and hence, unless the Grand Lodge orders to the contrary, my action in the matter will appear only in our executive minutes.

#### WARNING.

There has been brought to my attention the contents of a letter written to the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts by a Brother of that Jurisdiction, in which the Brother stated that at a recent visitation to a Lodge in one of our cities, he observed the name of a visitor hailing from Antiquity Lodge, No. 18, of Lowell, and, knowing that the regular Lodges in Massachusetts are not numbered, he made inquiry concerning Antiquity, No. 18, and found it to be an irregular organization, established by that Prince of Masonic frauds, who was expelled some years since.

The Master of the Lodge into which this person was admitted as a visitor was advised of the fact that Antiquity Lodge, No. 18, is a spurious Body, and his attention was called to the pamphlet annually published by the Pantagraph Printing and Publishing Co., of Bloomington, Illinois, containing a list of all the regular Lodges in the United States and Canada, which, if in possession of his Lodge, would preclude the imposition referred to.

Very many complain because we require documentary evidence as to the regularity of the Lodge from which a Mason hails. This imposition is another evidence that in these latter days we cannot scrutinize too closely the regularity of a man claiming to be a Mason, and should be satisfied absolutely of the genuineness of the document he presents before proceeding to an examination.

#### EXPANSION.

We have a District in the City of New York so large as to be unwieldy. It contains at present thirty-six Lodges, and if the Lodges now under dispensation receive charters, it will increase that District to thirty-nine Lodges.

A proposition has been made that the Lodges meeting in the Borough of The Bronx be formed into a separate District. While this proposition undoubtedly has merit, although a number of the Lodges meeting in The Bronx object to the scheme, the time, in my judgment, has not yet arrived for it to be considered. The rapid growth of the City of New York and the unquestioned demand for more Lodges in the future will doubtless require a readjusting of all the Masonic Districts of the city, and until then it is perhaps best that we divide the Eighth District, above referred to, so that it shall contain twenty-nine Lodges, and organize a new District to be known as the Forty-Second District, commencing with Civic Lodge, No. 853. This will give the new District, assuming that the three Lodges under dispensation are chartered, ten Lodges, together with whatever other Lodges may in the future be erected in the Borough of Manhattan or The Bronx, which must of necessity, to carry out the numerical order of procedure heretofore ob-

served, be assigned to that District, and for the present at least this will meet the requirement now absolutely necessary.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

But few changes have been made during the past year in this Department of the Craft's activity, though the same clamor for recognition—so pertinently and forcefully commented on by Grand Master Sawyer in his address of a year ago—has continually beset the Grand Master, and in endeavoring to meet the situation the same trying experiences have come to him as well. Excepting in two instances of voluntary resignation, when the vacancies thus created were most happily filled, nearly every other change has been made in the face of a spirit of evident reluctance and disappointment. Yet I will not say further changes are not in contemplation, depending in part on a like generous action of some of those Brethren who, holding office themselves for a number of years, and mindful of other Brethren equally deserving of honor, may tender their resignations. Whether or *not* there is a disposition on the part of the Brethren who have held these designations for a long time to relinquish them, I deem it expedient to bring again to your attention the recommendation lost sight of one year ago in the tumult of happiness which swept over the closing hours of the session—that the Grand Lodge adopt a regulation providing that all accredits of Grand Representatives from other Grand Lodges shall be for a definite term of either three or five years, and that any sister Grand Lodge not desiring to commission a Representative subject to that regulation shall still be held in fraternal relation, but without exchange of Representatives.

I believe it eminently desirable that definite action be taken by the Grand Lodge during this session regarding this recommendation, whereby there would be established for the future a fixed term for the office of Grand Representative which would lapse automatically, without disturbing the peace of mind of any conscientious Brother.

#### BLANK BALLOTS.

Under a provision of our Book of Constitutions the Officers of a constituent Lodge must be “chosen annually by ballot, and

by a majority of votes." The question is repeatedly asked when blank ballots are cast if these are to be considered a part of the whole number of votes cast, and whether the successful Brother must receive a majority of that number.

Simons in his "Jurisprudence" holds that a majority of all the votes cast is necessary, although among these there may be blanks. This rule has been followed many years, and whenever the matter has been submitted for a decision the contention of Simons has been maintained.

To the end that we may have a clear understanding of the matter, the subject will be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for an opinion, and if the Grand Lodge determines to change the rule followed in the past an amendment to Sec. 41 of the Book of Constitutions by striking out the word "majority" in the third line of that Section, and substituting the word "plurality," will accomplish that purpose.

#### OUR NEW YORK PROPERTIES.

The Grand Master has used this title purposely so as to bring *all* into the Trust. Our Proceedings of last year bearing upon this important subject of the Craft's material interests referred to "The New York Properties"—while two years ago still another designation was used. I have tried to strike a happy medium so that we may all have a share in what constitutes the property of the Craft in New York City.

While the Report of the Trustees was being read one year ago the Grand Lodge had no knowledge of the suspense which then weighed upon the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Trustees. Only a few hours before the session a letter was received by R. W. BROTHER HAFF from the President of the Bank of Savings in New York City, refusing to loan the balance of the amount originally contracted for. No reason beyond the cold statement that the bank was satisfied with the amount it had already placed upon our property was vouchsafed for its action. The blow was staggering. Did a reason exist back of their refusal? Had the Craft's stability been weakened in any way? Had the real credit of the Fraternity perhaps been af-

fect, not alone with the bank with which we were dealing directly, but also through the limitless channels connecting, one with another, the many fiduciary institutions of New York City? All this must be left to conjecture; but certain it is that our Fraternity has had a most salutary lesson in business procedure—that it cannot afford to temporize in affairs of great financial moment if its credit is to be sustained before the world. What our Craft must do if it is to be known as a united, stable Fraternity capable of handling a gigantic property, is to settle its disputes *inside* the family circle. Compromises, if necessary, must be made among ourselves, that no sacrifice, either in dignity or in the loss of public esteem, will ensue to the detriment of its credit and standing as a business institution.

It costs money to do business in New York. We who live here know it—our brethren from up-State will have to realize it. I shall not burden you with figures. The Trustees' report of the year's transactions will disclose all the information necessary to acquaint you with what has been done. If information is required beyond what it sets forth, ask for it; but I urge you to form no conclusion and to express no opinion until you have all the facts. The bane of our Fraternity is the man who thinks he knows and who does not. He is a self-constituted oracle of authority. He struts through this building giving voice to his ill-formed opinions, openly criticising what men of stability have given their best thought and business ability to accomplish, and when his own position in the world of affairs is inquired into he is found to be the "professional Mason," a "Past Everything," with no other responsibility in life than the very onerous labor of tabulating the number of Lodges he visits each night.

It has been implied that our Trustees need a defender. They do not, except from the "claqueur" and the "knocker." The records of the Trustees have been an open book. Any member of the Craft can read and learn what has been done, and if there is harshness in anything that I am saying in reviewing the work of the year, it is because some men who count for nothing, who do nothing and are nothing in our business world, take it upon themselves to determine whether the men who have worked diligently, faithfully, and at tremendous self-sacri-

fice have done their duty in meeting tremendous and almost insuperable obstacles.

Now to inject a different tone into this passing comment—it is a relief to come to a brighter side of our Masonic life and to bring before you as well the kind of real Masons we have in our Craft. I refer particularly to two men who, with a true interest in the weal of our great Fraternity, and realizing how much the material side of it was in need of a “boost,” came unostentatiously to the Grand Master to submit what they *thought* was a way out of our difficulties, and modestly asked permission to meet the Trustees that they might unfold what they had in mind. Within twenty-four hours was raised the curtain of despair which had hung over us for months, and negotiations were begun which resulted in what is to-day the plan of your Trustees for the improvement of our Twenty-third Street property. I will not mention the names of these two Brethren—they would not have it; one of them is looking toward me at this moment; but I will leave it with the Grand Lodge to judge in silent gratitude of their service.

In the outcome of our undertaking I have every confidence. It is not inspired by the figures of prospective rentals or the usual methods of calculating results, though I value their force as strengthening factors, but my confidence is based on the business center we are in; on the fact that our building will be the most modern and up-to-date of its kind in Greater New York, and because it will have back of it the same push and energy that the business men of the Craft would give to their own enterprises.

#### THE MCKINLEY CHAIN LETTER.

So many inquiries reached me concerning the McKinley Chain Letter that I deemed it proper to address a letter to the *Masonic Standard* to the end that the Brethren, through that medium, might become acquainted with the imposition practised upon the Craft.

The HON. WILLIAM R. DAY, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, did not give sanction for the use of his name in connection with this scheme.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
225 FIFTH AVENUE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9, 1910.

Editor MASONIC STANDARD:

I have before me a chain letter appeal, "suggested by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New York," replies to be sent to the "HON. JUDGE DAY, Canton, Ohio," that is being circulated among our Brethren of the Craft.

It should require nothing more than its weird and tricky phraseology to stamp it as a fraud, but a number of the Brethren I know have responded, while others have made inquiry from me, and I have unhesitatingly stamped it a *fraud* and imposition.

I am quite certain if you will make announcement of its fraudulent character you will reach a number of the Brethren who might otherwise be misled.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,  
*Grand Master.*

[The "Grand Master of New York" alluded to in the chain letter was the late M. W. FRANK HURD ROBINSON, who was Grand Master at the time the letter was started. JUDGE ROBINSON denied that he had ever authorized or encouraged the scheme. The authorship of the letter has never been traced.—EDITOR.]

### THE DANIEL D. TOMPKINS MEMORIAL FUND.

The attention of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge is especially invited to the disposition made of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund, as outlined in the following correspondence:

NEW YORK, May 19, 1910.

MY DEAR MRS. ROBINSON:

You will recall during the administration of your honored husband as the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, he had one project very close to his heart—that of a monument to DANIEL D. TOMPKINS. The Craft in the City of New York worked strenuously in an effort to raise the money necessary, and the amount realized has been carefully safeguarded by the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. An effort was made to put JUDGE ROBINSON'S ideas into practical operation. The design of a statue was submitted—many places for its location were considered, and even the City of New York at one time, through its officials, was interested. Nothing ever materialized—one plan after another failed, with the result that the Fund has been carried over from one administration to another, until to-day the amount in hand is over twenty-three thousand dollars. During the past year Grand Master SAWYER set under way, through his deputies in the State, a plan to collect funds from the various Lodges for the purpose of building a Chapel at our Home in Utica. The



accommodations there, as you will recall, are very inadequate, and with over four hundred inmates in the Home to-day—nearly 25 per cent of them children—it is necessary for the dignity of the Institution that a suitable Chapel should be provided in lieu of the crowded and unsatisfactory quarters so long in use. The response has been generous, over twenty thousand dollars having been subscribed to date. Following the start of the Chapel plan, some people undertook to revive the TOMPKINS matter, with the idea of bringing it to completion. This provoked considerable correspondence from many sources; the amount in hand would not go very far to fulfill the original ideas of what the statue was to be, and we were all sorely perplexed until a bright mind suggested that we combine the two funds—erect a Chapel that would exceed our first expectations, and call it the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel. It seemed to most of us that it would be fulfilling the spirit of Grand Master ROBINSON's hopes, for it would be a lasting monument to the memory of the man he respected, and whose interest in the Craft, and in our State and Nation, deserved recognition from the Fraternity he had honored. I have conceived a further plan to place in it a Memorial Bronze tablet to Most Worshipful FRANK HURD ROBINSON, so that his name will be inseparably connected with the memorial he fostered.

Now, my dear Mrs. Robinson, my object in writing you is to ask your consent to the appropriation for the money raised during your husband's administration for the Chapel project. You will tell me you have nothing to say about it. That is true, so far as the actual money is concerned; but sympathetically, sentimentally, morally, I might say, you are interested, for you know what JUDGE ROBINSON wanted done, and if we had your approval of what has been suggested, it would make us feel that we are carrying out what JUDGE ROBINSON had hoped to live to see—a Memorial to DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

I was closely associated with JUDGE ROBINSON in the undertaking. I am confident if he were here to-day, and it were left to him to be decided, taking every consideration in view, he would approve of the amalgamation of the two funds, which would enable the Craft of the State, over which he presided so honorably, to at least fulfill his heart's wish.

Will you consider the matter and let me know your wishes? The whole thing is tentative yet, and no decision will be reached until you have expressed all that you feel.

Let me thank you again for your cordial congratulations, conveyed to me through your son, James. If you ever come to New York, please let me know. I would like dearly to see you.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY.

MY DEAR MR. KENWORTHY:

I thank you for the honor and consideration conferred upon me by your request to express my wishes and approval in regard to the use made of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund.

I feel it would be presuming of me to give my opinion, but I will venture to say that I am sure that were my husband here he would heartily sanction the project you suggest. I know he felt anxious about the fund, and he fully realized the sum raised was insufficient to erect an appro-

priate statue. I am confident he would feel that this plan that you have in mind would carry out in a practical and philanthropic way all that he desired to perpetuate the name "of that almost forgotten but nevertheless great man, DANIEL D. TOMPKINS."

Another thought that occurs to me is that my husband had not only the Memorial close to his heart, but he was intensely interested in and loved the Masonic Home at Utica, and combining these two objects would surely be the culmination of his hopes. I was deeply touched by your plan of placing a bronze tablet in the Chapel to the memory of my husband, and I assure you that my family, one and all, sincerely appreciate your kind thoughtfulness; indeed, words are inadequate to express our gratitude.

In my son's letter you mentioned coming to Hornell in the near future. It will give me great pleasure to see you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JENNIE M. ROBINSON.

225 Main St., Hornell, New York, May 24.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
225 FIFTH AVENUE.

NEW YORK, June 4, 1910.

R. W. FRANK E. HAFF,

PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES OF THE HALL AND ASYLUM FUND,  
MASONIC HALL, NEW YORK.

DEAR BRO. HAFF:

You will recall your letter of March 8th, 1910, transmitting to me a resume of references to the Daniel D. Tompkins Monument Fund—from the several Proceedings of the Grand Lodge since 1906. It furnished very valuable data, and, as I have studied the subject in its various phases from its inception to date, it seems to me we can now come to a decision as to the proper disposition of the Fund—so long in abeyance—and to this end, I desire to submit to the Trustees my opinion and conclusion:

It was my privilege to be associated with Most Worshipful FRANK HURD ROBINSON, on his staff as Grand Marshal, and when his plan of honoring DANIEL D. TOMPKINS was put into operation, I was made Chairman of the Committee to devise ways and means for raising the money required. With my colleagues of the Committee, we kept JUDGE ROBINSON in close touch throughout all its operations, as well as the discouragements attending our efforts, which were many and depressing. The Committee, however, gained new inspiration and enthusiasm every time Grand Master ROBINSON met with it, because of his courage and unflinching belief that success would come.

The rounding out of our plans requires no comment from me at this time, other than that an amount of money was realized, and as is shown by the Proceedings, this sum has remained unfulfilling of its purpose and inactive, excepting for the interest it has earned during the long term of custody in the hands of the Trustees. In all probability, this would have continued an "idle fund," to be carried indefinitely, if it were not for those who, for family reasons, were interested in seeing the Memorial consummated, had taken the subject up during the past year with Bro.

J. MASSAY RHIND, who, at the beginning of the undertaking, had submitted a design for a statue. BRO. RHIND came to see me on the matter, and the substance of our conversation I submitted to Grand Master SAMUEL NELSON SAWYER. The Grand Master could not undertake to handle the subject at long range, and delegated the President of the Board of Trustees, with the Deputy Grand Master, as a Committee to enter into negotiations with BRO. RHIND. This was done, as you will recall, and at our suggestion he undertook to ascertain where the statue could be placed in the City of New York at an expense not to exceed the amount of money in hand, namely \$23,000. Do not lose sight of the fact that at the outset the impression obtained that the City of New York would bear the expense of the foundation and approach to the statue. (See Pro. 1907, p. 67.) This would have involved an outlay by the city of \$25,000, which, with our own Fund in hand, would have made an aggregate of over \$40,000 for the Memorial. BRO. RHIND sought a location for his work, realizing that all he had at his disposal was the amount of money in the hands of the Trustees. Two sites were named, one of which, that of Park Avenue—might possibly have met with favor, but before the opportunity of expressing a definite opinion came, it was disclosed that the City of New York contemplated a change of grade in the avenue mentioned, and another discouragement was upon us.

In the meantime, it had become known that an effort to build the Tompkins statue was on foot. Protest followed protest—not because it was thought the Memorial should not be carried out, but because with the means at hand it was considered that this could only be done meagerly and in a way far too short of the original ideas. The Committee, therefore, had to stop negotiations and wait for a calmer expression of views from those who were deeply interested and had at heart the greater interests of the Craft as well.

Coincident with the discussion, following the revival of the Tompkins plan, the Fraternity had before it the generous and popular undertaking of Grand Master SAWYER—to erect a Chapel at our Home in Utica. Thereby was naturally suggested a mingling of the two commendable purposes; the one stable, the other unstable; the one buffeted around like a ship without a rudder, the other a steady, leading purpose, well guided and strongly sustained by the Fraternity at large. Amid the joy which attended the success of the Chapel project, the "Suggestion" crystallized into a conviction that there would be wisdom and practicability in uniting the two funds—both the voluntary contributions of the Brethren of the Craft—and turning over the amount in its entirety for the purpose of the Chapel, to become known as the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel.

To further emphasize the Memorial feature of the Chapel, a suggestion has been made to place in front of it a suitable statue, or bust of M. W. DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, the same to be designed and executed by BRO. J. MASSAY RHIND, who designed the original statue of our distinguished Brother and citizen.

Though moved by the enthusiasm of this plan and the conviction that it would be carrying out the wishes of the Grand Master I had served so intimately, I yet felt I could get the very best expression of unselfish sentiment as to the wisdom of the proposed consolidation by consulting with Mrs. Robinson, the widow of JUDGE ROBINSON. A copy of my letter

I attach hereto, as well as a copy of her reply. Her endorsement is so sincere, I am led to believe her enthusiasm will be felt by every contributor to her husband's efforts, and that it will meet with the hearty favor of the Lodges of the State, who have so generously done their share toward making the Chapel not only a reality, but a, now more than ever, worthy annex to our Home.

Conscious, therefore, that I am fulfilling a duty which will bring to fruition the hopes of a former beloved Grand Master—Most Worshipful FRANK HURD ROBINSON—satisfied that I am enhancing the labor of my beloved predecessor, Most Worshipful SAMUEL NELSON SAWYER, and believing that the honor and glory of the Craft will be sustained by this action, I hereby sanction and direct the use of the Daniel D. Tompkins Fund—now in the hands of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund—for the furtherance of the Chapel at our Home in Utica.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,  
*Grand Master.*

### THE HOME.

If there is any one feature more than another of our Fraternity's activities where heart and mind are attuned to the same key, it is in the widespread interest that attaches to the Craft's Settlement on the hills of Western New York. Following the happy custom which had its inception in Valley Lodge, No. 109, and pursuing the earnest recommendation of Most Wor. BROTHER SAWYER in his address of one year ago, the Grand Master has urged the Deputies throughout the State to put before the various Lodges the action taken by their Brethren in Rochester. The response was hearty and the result is clearly indicated in the number of visitors to the Home during the year, exceeding that of any other period in its history. Not only have the Masters visited the Home and rendered a report to their Lodges, but in many instances delegations have accompanied them, so that the purposes of the Home—its life, its interests and its morale—are subjects familiar to the rank and file of the Craft.

This happy commingling of the men of the Craft with our people in Utica has also exerted an influence upon the Home itself which it is impossible to portray in mere words. Our little children are gradually awakening to a realization of the big, reliable fatherhood toward which they may look with love and confidence. This awakening is depicted in so many little ways it would require a power of artistic shading far greater

than I possess to give it expression; but the man who has been there, who has had the experience of drawing one of those dear little children upon his knee, and felt the sensation of the little head nestled on his breast; the man who has heard the sigh which tells him a little heart is beating stronger because it feels the protection radiating from a father's arms—that man needs no word picture to make him realize our work is not in vain.

Of BROTHER WILEY—the big brother and the big father of all our family—I do not have to speak, except with solicitude lest his great responsibilities may in time weigh too heavily upon him. Your Trustees are not unmindful of the strain he is under, and, realizing that excessive zeal may wear a man out despite his will, and energy and determination, are giving thought to some changes which will lift from our Brother's shoulders at least a portion of the burden he has courageously carried alone for so many years. Not a word of complaint has ever come from BROTHER WILEY, nor, knowing the man as I do, will it ever be heard from him; but if a big asset is to be saved to the Fraternity, it must safeguard and protect from himself a man so invaluable and indispensable.

In speaking of BROTHER WILEY's devoted wife and beloved daughter, no words of mine could adequately describe their service to our wards. Peculiarly endowed for their great and noble work, the beauty and sweetness of their character is reflected in the bright and happy faces of our children.

The Grand Master feels it his duty at this time to bring to the attention of the Grand Lodge the notable action of our Superintendent in co-operating with his fellow citizens, and making possible a triumph unparalleled in the history of Masonry in the State of New York, if not in the world. With a true conception of Masonic Brotherhood and a broad-mindedness in keeping with the Craft's highest teachings, our Brother generously volunteered to assist his neighbors in an entertainment to provide funds for the Orphan Asylum of the Roman Catholic Church. His offer was enthusiastically accepted, and on Jan. 20, 1911, a concert was held in the Majestic Theatre of Utica in which our children participated. Individually and collectively they were the stars of the occasion. From this en-

tainment was realized the sum of \$5,200, which to-day forms the nucleus of a fund for the erection of that new asylum for the orphans of Utica. This splendid action of BROTHER WILEY can perhaps best be summarized by quoting the words of one of the gentlemen of the Committee who, in presenting to our Superintendent a loving cup bearing the simple tribute, "A Token of Appreciation," said:

Please accept this formal expression of our very deep sense of obligation for your noble, broad-minded and self-sacrificing services to the sacred cause of charity under circumstances which elicit our warmest admiration. You conceived the beautiful idea, drafted the plans, worked out the details, and met every situation with the ease of perfect mastery. Wherever your touch was felt, instead of inactivity and indifference, it felt the stir of life, the energy of worthy and large aspirations. We are deeply mindful, too, of the kindly interest, the helpful suggestion and the tender sympathy of Mrs. Wiley, and the gracious assistance of Miss Wiley, and shall ever hold them in grateful remembrance. Nor can we forget the willing and eager participation of those precious little ones under your charge—may we not truly style them a peerage of genius—who performed their delightful part with all the graces of simplicity and pathos.

No Minute of Masonry's beneficent purposes will ever excel in broad humanity the action now made a part of this record.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I approach this pleasant duty with enthusiasm and pride. It was one of our great men who said, "A man may be made by his associates." I feel almost as if he had spoken for me—for never has a Grand Master had more loyal and faithful men around him than it was my privilege to have. *They* carried the burdens, I have reaped the honors of a most happy year. Together we had one thought in mind, one aim in view—the unity and harmony of the Craft as a whole and the cementing of more cordial relations wherever restraint, ever so slight, threatened to disturb them.

In this work I have had the whole-hearted support of our beloved and distinguished Past Grand Masters, one and all. There was nothing patronizing in their response to my request for co-operation. In every instance there was a glad and happy readiness to do his part—either to give advice or to work hard, as occasion required. To single out any one as above another would be as difficult as unfair, for in my grateful acknowledg-

ment of the valuable service each has rendered, I feel as if each in turn was entitled to foremost place in my heart. I shall ever keep as a cherished memory their great and brotherly helpfulness to me.

At my side to-day is our Deputy Grand Master—big and strong and ever ready for whatever he is asked to do. At those functions up State where time and business precluded the presence of the Grand Master, the Deputy was always ready and willing to step in—and he more than merely filled a gap. Invariably I found myself better known after his visit than before. Our relations have been happy and cordial and close; nothing was kept from him; his advice has been sought, and whether he is a gainer or not I know that I am because of our close association.

We come a little nearer home in speaking of our honored Grand Secretary. You all know him, but not as a Grand Master knows him. Matured, alert, full of knowledge and the lore of the Craft, his personal service to me has been inestimable. It is said of the soldiers in war that they sleep on their arms as expressing the acme of devotion and loyalty to their cause. Likewise does our dear Brother, in his tireless, unbroken and devoted service to the Craft, reach to the heights of Masonic faithfulness. To EDWARD M. L. EHLERS I pay my tribute of thanks, and may he be spared for many years to come.

It affords especial pleasure to the Grand Master to acknowledge the indebtedness of the Craft to the Judge Advocate, and I only regret my limitations in paying tribute to the exceptional service—generous, efficient and self-sacrificing—of our Brother R. W. ABEL CROOK. Many problems have confronted us which his great professional skill, his capability and wise judgment have helped to solve. To mention them in detail would be to review the momentous affairs of the Fraternity during the past year. It must suffice to say he never failed in any of its crises, nor in the enforced leaning upon him of the Grand Master under the weight of many burdens, has he ever flinched. In the presence of his Brethren of the Grand Lodge and that it may be recorded for all time, I thank him for the immeasurable service he has rendered to the business affairs of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

Of the Grand Marshal, R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, I do not have to speak—earnest, faithful, indefatigable and resourceful, the Grand Master's efforts have been to curb an enthusiasm which otherwise meant inevitable exhaustion.

To the Deputies the Grand Master owes much, for they lightened his labors considerably. They have settled the differences arising in their own District, keeping to themselves those minor matters which must arise in the details of the Craft, and they have earned for themselves the love and respect of their own brethren everywhere. For their loyalty and service, without which a Grand Master must fail, I subscribe my grateful and unreserved thanks.

To the Staff as a whole I must say a word. We have been a happy family; you have helped to make the Grand Master's life a joy. Wherever you attended you have buoyed him with your enthusiasm; cheered him with your heartiness; inspired him with your loyalty and devotion to duty. To the men who have made the year whatever it may be in Masonic history—I tender my profound thanks.

#### CONCLUSION.

I repeat, we are here to consider the affairs of the Craft with minds that are free. It is our part to discharge our duty fearlessly, with love in our hearts and kindness governing our actions, keeping ever before us the thought that in this Body is represented 168,000 Masons whose destinies for the time being are in our charge.

Brethren, the business of the Grand Lodge is before you.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHAPEL FUND, FROM MAY 15, 1910, TO MAY 15, 1911.

##### THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

June	11, Fortitude No. 19.....	\$42.45
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##### TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

May	22, Solomon's No. 196.....	30.00
Dec.	24, Kisco No. 708.....	31.35
Oct.	15, Radium No. 844.....	1.75
May	22, Collabergh No. 859.....	2.20



## THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

June 1911.	3, Hoffman No. 412.....	\$87.45
May 1910.	8, Ramapo No. 589.....	26.10
June	29, Hudson River No. 607.....	100.00

## FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

May	27, Hudson No. 7.....	25.00
Dec.	30, Valatie No. 362.....	12.00
June	18, Shekomeko No. 458.....	17.25
	18, Hillsdale No. 612.....	10.00
May	30, Wappingers No. 671.....	25.00
June	28, Amenia No. 672.....	15.00
	10, Aquila No. 700.....	31.50
May	30, Halcyon No. 832.....	10.00

## FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

June	11, Cascade No. 427.....	20.00
	3, Kedemah No. 693.....	12.00

## NINETEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Sept.	24, Newport No. 455.....	35.55
Dec.	30, Fultonville No. 531.....	23.40

## TWENTIETH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Dec. 1911.	8, Mt. Hope No. 260.....	15.00
April	7, Salem No. 391.....	10.20

## TWENTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

May	23, Home No. 398.....	7.00
June	6, Glendale No. 497.....	22.65

## TWENTY-SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

Nov.	28, Northern Light No. 505.....	8.10
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## TWENTY-THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

April 1911.	12, Ogdensburgh No. 128.....	37.35
	14, Racket River No. 213.....	36.90
	25, Gouverneur No. 217.....	25.00
May 1910.	25, Gouverneur No. 217.....	45.75
April 1911.	13, Acacian No. 705.....	31.05

## TWENTY-FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

May 1911.	13, Cape Vincent No. 293.....	16.95
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## TWENTY-FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Feb. 1911.	14, Oswego No. 127.....	63.15
	15, Republican No. 325.....	19.05

Feb.	27, Callimachus No. 369.....	\$15.45
	24, Scriba No. 414.....	13.80
	7, Frontier City No. 422.....	34.80
	3, Hannibal No. 550.....	20.00
	14, Sandy Creek No. 564.....	15.90
	14, Cleveland No. 613.....	13.65
April	14, Amboy No. 650.....	11.10
Jan.	28, Aeonian No. 679.....	22.50

#### TWENTY-SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.		
April	10, Philanthropic No. 164.....	24.00
1910.		
Dec.	13, Hampton No. 347.....	17.25
1911.		
March	30, Remsen No. 677.....	29.10

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Dec.	24, Military No. 93.....	16.00
	20, Hamilton No. 120.....	26.30
1911.		
April	27, Sullivan No. 148.....	14.40
Feb.	23, Fort Brewerton No. 256.....	5.00
Jan.	20, Jordan No. 386.....	25.05
	15, Marathon No. 438.....	15.00
1910.		
May	20, Cortlandville No. 470.....	50.00
1911.		
March	11, Liverpool No. 525.....	15.90
1910.		
Dec.	15, Fayetteville No. 578.....	16.35
June	4, Centerville No. 648.....	10.00
1911.		
April	24, Cincinnati No. 706.....	9.60
1910.		
Nov.	25, Cautious No. 726.....	11.70
1911.		
March	9, Sapphire No. 768.....	11.65
1910.		
May	30, Mt. Sinai No. 864.....	12.00

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.		
Jan.	26, Eastern Light No. 126.....	10.00
1910.		
Nov.	28, Upper Lisle No. 388.....	5.70
Dec.	14, Maine No. 399.....	6.00
1911.		
April	21, Otseningo No. 435.....	105.90
1910.		
June	13, Windsor No. 442.....	2.75
Oct.	25, Western Light No. 597.....	5.10

## TWENTY-NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Oct. 27, Union No. 95.....	\$76.95
1911.	
Feb. 16, Mt. Lebanon No. 775.....	10.00

## THIRTIETH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Oct. 22, Fidelity No. 51.....	46.80
May 20, Scipio No. 110.....	16.00
1911.	
April 21, Genoa No. 421.....	10.50
Jan. 9, Auburn No. 431.....	76.85

## THIRTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.	
Feb. 11, Ark No. 33.....	46.80
Jan. 24, Milo No. 108.....	30.15
Feb. 18, Seneca Lake No. 308.....	10.00
March 21, Fayette No. 539.....	12.75
Feb. 11, Eagle No. 619.....	7.58

## THIRTY-SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

July 5, Walworth No. 254.....	17.40
June 17, Savannah No. 765.....	15.00

## THIRTY-THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

May 18, Union No. 45.....	10.00
1911.	
April 28, Valley No. 109.....	120.00
1910.	
Oct. 26, Phoenix No. 115.....	25.20
June 3, Monroe No. 173.....	42.15
Dec. 19, Geneseo No. 214.....	25.00
Nov. 26, Fairport No. 476.....	20.00
1911.	
March 4, Rochester No. 660.....	95.55
1910.	
Oct. 27, Oatka No. 759.....	12.45
July 29, Corinthian Temple No. 805.....	71.75
1911.	
Feb. 15, Eunice No. 830.....	10.20

## THIRTY-FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Nov. 3, Evening Star No. 44.....	45.00
1911.	
Feb. 16, Sentinel No. 151.....	5.00
Jan. 18, Montour No. 168.....	15.00
March 28, Urbana No. 459.....	19.35
Jan. 7, Cameron Mills No. 547.....	9.60
April 28, McClellan No. 649.....	6.15

## THIRTY-FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.	
Jan. 20, Western Union No. 146.....	14.25

1910.		
Nov.	23, Allegany No. 225.....	\$19.20
	23, Oriona No. 229.....	10.00
June	29, Wellsville No. 230.....	30.60
1910.		
April	12, Cuba No. 306.....	5.00
1911.		
Jan.	20, Joseph Enos No. 318.....	5.55
1910.		
Dec.	13, Caneadea No. 357.....	4.65

## THIRTY-SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.		
April	1, Murray No. 380.....	13.25
1910.		
Nov.	11, Yates No. 675.....	14.00

## THIRTY-EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

June	9, Living Stone No. 255.....	10.20
	9, Evans No. 261.....	15.90
	9, Springville No. 351.....	20.25
	9, Akron No. 527.....	21.75
	9, Fortune No. 788.....	23.70
	9, Alden No. 594.....	19.65
	9, Charles W. Cushman No. 879.....	9.00

## THIRTY-NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.		
Feb.	12, Ellicottville No. 307.....	20.70
Jan.	6, Portville No. 579.....	16.05
1910.		
Dec.	5, Franklinville No. 626.....	16.05
1911.		
Feb.	28, Urania No. 810.....	11.55
Jan.	6, Adoniram No. 833.....	8.25

## FORTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

1911.		
April	28, North Star No. 107.....	15.00
1910.		
May	21, Whiteface Mt. No. 789.....	28.65
Dec.	16, Mount Arab No. 847.....	9.25
1911.		
April	6, Mount Arab No. 847.....	2.90

R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

On motion of W. ROBERT H. RUCKER, Master of Kane Lodge, No. 454, the Grand Master's address was referred to a special committee of three for sub-division and reference. W. ROBERT H. RUCKER, Master of Kane Lodge, No. 454, W. RUFUS KIRKLAND, Master of Bedford Lodge, No. 574, and W.

ARTHUR K. KUHN, Master of Centennial Lodge, No. 763, were appointed such committee.

The Grand Master resumed the Chair.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

#### *To the Grand Lodge:*

There has been received by the Grand Secretary, for the year ending December 31, 1910:

From Fees and Dues of Lodges.....	\$187,071.50
“ Certificates and Diplomas .....	6,395.00
“ Monitors .....	536.00
“ Sale of Proceedings.....	37.60
“ Dues of Members of Defunct Lodges.....	48.25
“ Sale of Histories.....	7.50
“ Dispensations .....	800.00
“ Charters .....	240.00
“ Rebate on Telephone Contract.....	68.34
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$205,204.19</b>

Paid to the Grand Treasurer..... \$205,204.19

A printed statement of receipts and expenditures, prepared for your scrutiny, was mailed to all Masters of Lodges, April 15, 1911.

Number of Lodges in this Jurisdiction.....	803
Number of Lodges that have made returns.....	802
Number of Lodges that have paid dues to date.....	802
Number of Master Masons, per last report.....	163,341
“ Initiated .....	9,952
“ Passed .....	9,732
“ Raised .....	9,739
“ Affiliated .....	949
“ Restored .....	1,149
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>175,178</b>
Number Unaffiliated .....	2,226
“ Died .....	2,710
“ Dimitted .....	1,158
“ Dropped .....	352
“ Expelled .....	18
<b>Number of Master Masons December 31, 1910.....</b>	<b>168,714</b>

Wanderer Lodge at Long Island City, Borough of Queens, Courland Lodge at New York, Pleasantville Lodge at Pleasantville, Lackawanna Lodge at Lackawanna, Empire Lodge at New York, Laurel Leaf Lodge at Port Chester, Garfield Lodge at New York, and Equity Lodge at Brooklyn, have returned to the Grand Secretary their dispensations for the erection of said Lodges, with the other papers they are required to furnish by the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

The Grand Treasurer has the honor to report:

Balance, per last report to Grand Lodge.....\$ 49,924.19

### RECEIPTS.

From Grand Secretary ..... 205,204.19

From interest on deposits..... 308.91

\$255,437.29

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Pay of Representatives to Grand Lodge.....\$ 23,386.81

Trustees, M. H. & A. Fund, per capita and fees.. 109,054.50

Trustees of Permanent Fund, for investment..... 15,541.28

Salaries ..... 8,600.00

Clerk hire, Grand Secretary's office..... 4,279.92

Clerk hire, Grand Treasurer's office..... 300.00

Appropriation to Grand Master ..... 1,800.00

Appropriation to Grand Secretary..... 500.00

Appropriation to Grand Librarian..... 1,000.00

Appropriation to Committee on Foreign Correspondence ..... 600.00

Appropriation to Committee on Antiquities..... 300.00

Appropriation to charitable purposes..... 400.00

Appropriation to General Masonic Relief Ass'n... 600.00

Appropriation for Grand Lecturer's travelling expenses ..... 975.00

Appropriation for Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund ..... 582.45

Carried forward .....\$167,919.98 \$255,437.29

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Brought forward .....	\$167,919.96	\$255,437.29
Appropriation for Custodians of the Work.....	153.28	
Appropriation for advertising.....	300.00	
Appropriation for music at Grand Lodge.....	57.00	
Appropriation for bonds Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary .....	125.00	
Appropriation for Transportation Committee....	50.00	
Grand Chaplain's expenses .....	23.39	
Printing and delivering advance reports and Pro- ceedings .....	6,348.61	
Book of Constitution .....	290.00	
Monitors .....	456.88	
Travelling certificates .....	2,149.40	
Leather tucks for certificates.....	1,120.00	
Steel plate, P. M. certificates, etc.....	929.35	
Printing, stationery and postage for Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.....	2,186.02	
Travelling expenses Grand Tiler, repairing jewels, laundering and aprons.....	556.92	
Stenographer's fees .....	302.37	
Expenses, Committee on Audit.....	533.80	
Advertising death notices and flowers.....	161.90	
Telephone .....	236.90	
Lantern slides for lecture on Home.....	66.75	
Signs .....	41.00	
Expenses, arrest of Charter.....	45.74	
Filing boxes .....	37.50	
Printing and postage, Judge Advocate WAHLE....	44.47	
Rent .....	9,333.33	
Real estate experts .....	1,500.00	194,969.57
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		\$60,467.72

## DEPOSITED.

Corn Exchange Bank .....	\$58,706.15	
Garfield National Bank.....	1,761.57	\$60,467.72

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. MILLER,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

R. W. FRANK E. HAFF, from the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the report of said Trustees,

which was received and referred to the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Pursuant to the requirement of the Act of Incorporation and of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the Trustees present the following general report and statements of the business transactions of the corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1911.

From the adjournment of Grand Lodge in May, 1910, to the close of the fiscal year the Trustees held fourteen meetings. A synopsis of the matters presented and the action taken at these meetings is appended hereto in considerable detail, although obviously greatly abridged, to the end that the Craft may be cognizant of the manner in which the business of the Trustees is conducted. This summary covers the entire Grand Lodge year including two meetings held in April subsequent to the close of the fiscal year.

As in years past, one of the most interesting features of the report is the word-picture of life in the Utica Home, skillfully painted by R. W. William J. Wiley, its admirable Superintendent, to which your attention is earnestly invited as worthy of a very careful study.

Perhaps the most engrossing subject which the Trustees have to present is that of the financial condition and outlook of the Corporation succinctly stated in the comprehensive report of the Treasurer, also appended hereto, embracing detailed statements of all receipts charged to the various funds in the custody of the Trustees during the year; expenditures credited thereto; a statement of mortgage and other investments; of receipts and disbursements on Hall account for the past ten years; of receipts from fees, per capita tax and miscellaneous sources for the same period; of the net income or deficit from rentals also for the same period, the surplus for the past year of Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-three Dollars and Eight Cents as against a deficit the preceding year of Twenty-seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-three Dollars and Sixty-nine Cents.

It is estimated that the operation of the property for the year ending March 31, 1912, will create a deficit, after deducting interest charges during the construction of the new building of approximately Seventy-one Thousand Dollars.

The Trustees are, therefore, compelled to recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate for the General Fund such surplus as its revenues may have earned, for the Permanent Fund, during the past year.

Consider these figures carefully, brethren, for only through a clear conception of their import can you vote intelligently upon such financial recommendations as the standing committee on Hall and



Asylum may deem it expedient and necessary to make and present for your consideration at this annual communication.

### ORGANIZATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in May, 1910, the following-named Brethren were elected Treasurer:

R.·W.·Frank E. Haff of New York, for one year to fill the unexpired term of R.·W.·Charles H. Armatage, resigned.

R.·W.·Richard H. Thomas of New York, for two years to fill the unexpired term of R.·W.·J. Hungerford Smith, resigned.

R.·W.·Milton W. Davison of Canisteo, for one year to fill the unexpired term of R.·W.·George Hayes, resigned.

R.·W.·Arthur Mac Arthur of Troy, for three years in place of R.·W.·William Sherer, term expired.

At a meeting of the Trustees held on May 6, 1910, the organization of the Board was effected by the election of the following-named officers:

FRANK E. HAFF.....*President.*

GEORGE A. NEWELL.....*Vice-President.*

GEORGE T. MONTGOMERY.....*Treasurer.*

RICHARD H. THOMAS.....*Secretary.*

The Standing Committees appointed for the year were as follows:

#### HOME COMMITTEE.

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Chairman.

MILTON W. DAVISON.

RICHARD H. THOMAS.

#### HALL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE T. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

RICHARD H. THOMAS.

ARTHUR MAC ARTHUR.

On January 24, 1911, Trustee Richard H. Thomas died after a very brief illness.

At a meeting of the Trustees held on February 25, 1911, a minute was adopted in testimony of his services to the Craft as a Trustee, and the genuine affection felt for him by his associates in the work, and to his memory the Trustees set apart and dedicate a page of this report, inscribing thereon the following excerpt from the record:

# In Memoriam



R. W. Richard H. Thomas, Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, died in his home in The City of New York on Tuesday, January twenty-fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Eleven, at about three o'clock P. M., after an illness of less than two weeks.

Just as the sun was sinking below the horizon in the evening of the forty-second year of his life, in the full strength and vigor of his splendid manhood, our friend and brother closed his mortal eyes and entered upon the new and unknown life of the Spirit, eternal.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, his ripe business experience, his ability as an engineer and his close attention to and capable performance of every task allotted to him, made his work,—to him a labor of love,—invaluable to the Craft.

While giving much of his time to and lavishing his splendid energies upon the efficient and economical maintenance of the Masonic Hall, and the construction of the proposed new building in The City of New York, his heart and sympathies were pre-eminently devoted to the lives of the children in the Home in Utica, performing there the last piece of work his head and hands found to do before laying aside forever the working tools of life.

Rich in lovable traits of character, his many admirable qualities of heart and mind endeared him permanently to all with whom he came in contact, and marked him as one of the manliest of men,—a veritable Nature's nobleman.

To the bereaved and grief-stricken companion and the fatherless boy he has left behind him, and of whom he was so proud, the hearts of his associates in the work in which he was engaged for the great Fraternity he loved so much, go out in warmest sympathy.

The record of our Brother is a truly enviable one and worthy of emulation by all who shall follow after; and as an affectionate tribute to his unfading and fragrant memory, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund inscribe this page of the records of the Corporation.

## THE HOME.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The attention of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge is particularly directed to the report of the Superintendent of the Home, R. W. William J. Wiley. It contains in detail many interesting facts connected with the supervision and management of the Home and testifies in a striking manner to the efficiency and able management of Brother Wiley.

The supervision of the Home is no small undertaking. Its material interests constitute a responsibility well calculated to tax any man's skill and our Superintendent fully measures up to the requirements of his position and merits the esteem of the Brethren of this Grand jurisdiction for the excellent manner in which he is discharging the duties devolving upon him.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements mentioned in the previous report have been taken up during the year and are rapidly approaching completion.

The new Cow Barn progressed far enough to permit of the housing of the herd of cows during a part of the Winter; but owing to the difficulty of procuring material and the very severe weather, work ceased, to be resumed with the opening of Spring when the whole structure will be carried rapidly to completion.

In close proximity to the new barn a Creamery will be constructed and the present inconvenient and unsatisfactory building removed.

The new Laundry Building, supplied with the latest machinery, is completed, providing a most convenient and up-to-date plant.

The change of the Laundry and Carpenter Shop from the basement of the Main Building removed an element of danger that had long existed. It will also provide additional sleeping accommodations for about twenty-five men at a very small expense, the change being now under way.

During the year a pavilion was erected on the grounds in the rear of the Hospital which affords an outside resting place for those whose physical and mental condition require outdoor living.

## CHILDREN'S STUDY ROOM.

The old Chapel in the Main Building has been converted into an attractive Study Room for the children. Supplied with numerous study tables, surrounded on all sides by cases containing a well selected library of reference and study books and walls tastily decorated with banners and pictures, it is now a most entrancing room and to the visitor presents a charming picture. One particular advantage is that while the children are at their studies they

are under the watchful eye of the Superintendent, and his assistants are enabled to afford them needed help in preparing for their recitations.

#### MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Since the previous report improvements have been made in the Children's Building by substituting metal walls and ceilings for the plaster which had become dilapidated and dangerous. No further expense will be necessary in these rooms for a number of years.

#### AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

The automatic sprinkler system to which reference was made in the report for last year is now being placed throughout the Main, Memorial and Hospital Buildings. The contract was let in the late Summer and for several months workmen have been engaged in its installation and when completed everything possible will have been done to protect the buildings from fire.

#### THE FARM.

The problem of the most efficient operation of the farm and the production of the greatest revenue therefrom has not been easy of solution. The farmer in charge during the past year has been superseded by one who comes to the work with the best recommendations for past efficiency and excellent knowledge of farming. It is confidently expected that the coming year will show no little improvement in this direction.

#### VISITORS.

The increasing attendance of visitors to the Home has been a source of great satisfaction to Superintendent Wiley and will be productive of much good.

#### TOMPKINS MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

The new Chapel is nearing completion and will be ready for use at an early day.

Attention is invited to the typifying scheme and disposition of its windows which will be glazed with stained glass and furnished by memorial funds and special contributions.

Three large windows will occupy the centre of the Chancel, typifying Faith, Hope and Charity. The central window of these three, Charity, will be furnished as a memorial to the late George Young of Charter Oak Lodge, whose will contained a legacy for the benefit of the Home of \$100,000; the one on the right, Faith, will be installed by Montauk Lodge No. 286; and the one on the left, Hope,

will be contributed to the memory of M. W. James Ten Eyck, Past Grand Master.

The central window will illustrate the parable of the Good Samaritan. The incident selected is that of the Good Samaritan making provision for the wounded man.

The figure of Faith is portrayed by a child being taught from a book, illustrating the words of St. Augustine, "Faith opens the way for the understanding."

Hope is represented by a figure playing strains of music that are prophetic of what life is to be, "the rainbow of promise."

In the body of the Chapel there are nineteen windows, nine lower and ten upper, five on either side. These twenty windows have been contributed, the majority as gifts from lodges and others as memorials to brethren who have "gone before."

#### INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

##### CAPACITY OF HOME ALMOST REACHED.

In closing this Chapter on the Home, the Trustees feel impelled to call attention to the almost phenomenal increase in the number of applications for admission filed during the year, aggregating one hundred, or more than one-fifth of the entire number sheltered there at the present time. The care necessary to be exercised in the scrutiny and investigation of these applications is evidenced by the fact that while the number accepted and admitted during the year reached the unprecedented total of ninety-three, it was found necessary for various reasons to reject thirty, or twenty-five per cent. of the number considered.

In this connection the Trustees recommend that the officers of lodges exercise extreme caution in the nomination of applicants, feeling impelled to sound this warning note if for no other reason than that the capacity of the enlarged Home is practically reached and a waiting list must be created in the near future, with no funds in sight applicable to any further enlargement.

#### THE NEW YORK PROPERTY.

##### BUILDING CONTRACTS.

The principal work of the Trustees, and ten months of the year were occupied in its successful consummation, was the securing of funds for carrying out the recommendation of the Grand Lodge looking to the construction of the proposed Building to replace the original Masonic Hall on the Twenty-third Street site. This proved a very difficult task, taxing the energies and resources of the Trustees to the utmost. As reference to the summary of the meetings appended hereto will make manifest, their efforts culminated in the execution on March 4th, 1911, of two contracts, one with the

George A. Fuller Construction Company for the demolition of the old and the construction of the new building for the sum of \$1,078,000; the other with the United States Realty and Improvement Company providing for said Company's purchasing at par \$1,100,000 of the bonds of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of the par value of \$500 each bearing interest at the rate of six (6%) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of April and October in each year, secured by a Trust Mortgage in that amount which mortgage is now a lien on the property of the said Trustees in The City of New York, and which bonds will, pursuant to the terms of the said Trust Mortgage, have matured September 18th, 1918, contemporaneously with the prior mortgages on the said property aggregating \$1,200,000, held by The Bank For Savings in The City of New York. The Trustee named in the said mortgage is the Lawyers Title Insurance and Trust Company. By the said mortgage it is agreed to retire \$50,000 of the said bonds on April 1st, 1914; \$50,000 April 1st, 1915; \$50,000 April 1st, 1916; \$50,000 April 1st, 1917; \$50,000 April 1st, 1918, and the balance of \$850,000 on September 18th, 1918, at which time it is proposed to raise sufficient on the bond of the Trustees secured by a single first mortgage on the property of the Trustees in The City of New York, now covered by the said mortgages, to pay off all of the said existing mortgages thereon. It is hoped that when the said first mortgage is obtained for the said purpose arrangements may be made to pay off the same in installments from time to time as it may then appear the surplus income from the said property will justify. The moneys arising from the sale of the said six (6%) per cent. bonds will be devoted exclusively to the defrayment of the expense of the entire operation, the demolition of the old Masonic Hall, the erection of a new building on its site, the cost of vault lights, the charges of the Trustee for examination of title, certification of bonds, payment of the recording tax and recording fees, the issue of the said bond, and all other expenses of the Title Company connected with the matter of the said Trust Mortgage and the issue of the said bonds.

The proceeds of the bond issue does not provide funds for the payment of the interest which will accrue thereon during construction nor the fees of the architect.

The work of demolition of the old building was begun immediately after the execution of the contracts and all work under the building contract will be prosecuted vigorously. It is calculated that the new building will be completed and ready for occupancy on or before April 1, 1912.

#### DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING.

The new building will be nineteen (19) stories in height. Its exterior, in design and coloring will match the 24th Street Build-

ing. The first three stories on the street fronts will be of Indiana lime stone, the central portion of a red tapestry brick work, and the three stories of ornamental terra cotta.

The first floor will be divided into stores averaging 18' 6" wide by 75' 0" deep fronting on 23rd Street. The corner store, about 40' 0" x 74' 0", will be occupied by the Excelsior Savings Bank.

The main entrance will be on 23rd Street at the easterly end of the property and will extend through to the 24th Street Building and there connect with the entrance hall in that building at the same point where the temporary connection was located. This hallway will be about 18' 0" wide, in which there will be placed four passenger elevators with space for a fifth; a large staircase; cigar and newspaper stand; etc. This hall will be finished exactly the same as the connecting hall in the 24th Street Building.

A basement will extend under the entire property and under the sidewalks on both 23rd Street and 6th Avenue. A small sub-basement will be excavated only under the north-east corner of the property, connecting with the sub-basement of the 24th Street building, in which there will be located one additional unit for the generating of current for light and power.

All of the upper floors of the building will be connected directly with the 24th Street Building.

The upper eighteen floors will be finished as open lofts which may be divided to suit tenants, or, if the demand develops, may be converted into offices. Each of these floors contains approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of rentable area. In addition to the passenger elevators referred to there will be five large freight elevators; two placed on the 6th Avenue side on the northerly wall where the freight entrance on 6th Avenue is located; and three in the rear immediately opposite the end of the new freight corridor which is to be placed on the westerly side of the 24th Street Building, level with the sidewalk. This passage way will be 12' 6" wide and will occupy the entire westerly bay of the 24th Street Building. The upper floors will be unusually light, the north side being illuminated by a light court 20' 0" deep by 73' 0" long which is almost entirely of glass with sufficient masonry only to protect the structural steel work.

The building will be of the most modern type of fire-proof construction consisting of steel frame encased with terra cotta blocks and brick work, terra cotta floor arches, and concrete floors, with the exception of the first floor which will be of mosaic. The trim, doors, window frames, sash, and all other finish above the first floor will be of metal.

The building will be equipped with a sprinkler system of "100%" efficiency, supplied from three 8,000-gallon tanks located in a tank house on the roof. In addition to the sprinkler system there will be two stand pipes with which there will be connected

100-foot lengths of hose on every floor. These stand pipes will extend out to the sidewalks on 6th Avenue and 23rd Street and be fitted with Siamese connections for the use of the Fire Department's engines in the streets. Two new house tanks for the storage of water one on the roof and one in the basement, will each contain 10,000 gallons, making a total storage capacity of 44,000 gallons of water.

The building will also be equipped with three fireproof staircases extending from the ground floor to the roof with all doors opening outward and all landing at points where easy exit may be made. A fire alarm system will also be installed, and everything known to modern building science which will insure the safety and durability of the building has been included in the specifications. As a result the insurance rates should be as low on this as on any building heretofore erected in The City of New York.

#### EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK LEASE.

One of the obstacles to the consummation of the Building contracts which the Trustees were forced to overcome was the lease of the Twenty-third Street corner held by The Excelsior Savings Bank expiring in April, 1914. This was ultimately effected through the acceptance by the Bank of quarters provided by the Trustees in the vacant first-floor premises in the Annex on Twenty-fourth Street during the period of construction of the new building free of rent, such period being covered practically by an extension of the existing lease at the present rate of rent and a further extension thereof for seven years at an increased rent without privilege of further renewal.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Trustees express the hope that the Grand Lodge, in recognition of the stubborn character of the obstacles which had to be overcome and the efforts put forth by the Trustees to meet every exigency of the situation, will set the seal of its approval and confirmation upon the result of those efforts as outlined in the foregoing report and its appended summary of the transactions of the year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Trustees of the  
Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund

{ FRANK E. HAFF.  
GEORGE A. NEWELL.  
GEORGE T. MONTGOMERY.  
ARTHUR MAC ARTHUR  
MILTON W. DAVISON.



**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**OF THE**  
**TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1911.**

*To the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund :*

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund during the year ended March 31, 1911, and all funds in the Trustees' hands on that date :

**GENERAL FUND.**

Balance April 1, 1910...	\$327,570 86	
Receipts, General Fund	\$372,061 96	
" Permanent...	40,000 00—	812,061 96—\$689,632 82
Disbursements.....	295,369 05	
Bond & Mtg. 827/29 W. 24 St.	24,000 00	—319,369 05
Balance April 1, 1911		\$320,263 77

**MASONIC SANITORIUM FUND.**

Balance April 1, 1910.....	\$10,186 33	
Receipts.....	431 74	
Balance April 1, 1911.....		10,618 07

**MASONIC SANITORIUM MAINTENANCE FUND.**

Balance April 1, 1910.....	\$ 698 00	
Receipts.....	31 46	
Balance April 1, 1911.....		729 46

**DANIEL D. TOMPKINS FUND,**

Balance April 1, 1910.....	\$23,852 48	
Disbursements .....	23,852 48	

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Balance April 1, 1910. ...	\$16,160 68	
Receipts .....	1,150 02—	17,310 70
Disbursements .....	297 24	
Balance April 1, 1911.....		17,013 46

**CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FUND.**

Receipts.....	\$ 45 00	
Balance April 1, 1911.....		45 00

**MRS. A. D. JOYCE CHILDREN'S FUND.**

Balance April 1, 1910.....	25 00	
Carried forward .....		\$848,694 76

# GRAND LODGE, 1911.

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Brought forward ..... \$318,694 76

## CHAPEL FUND.

Receipts ..... \$60,297 80  
 Disbursements ..... 43,828 45  
 Balance April 1, 1911..... 16,959 35

## CHILDREN'S FUND.

Receipts..... \$11,772 02  
 Balance April 1, 1911..... 11,772 02

## PERMANENT FUND.

Receipts..... \$15,541 28  
 Balance April 1, 1911..... \$15,541 28  
 Total Funds in hands of Trustees April 1, 1911 ..... \$392,967 41

## GENERAL FUND.

Balance Cash in Banks and on hand April 1, 1910..... \$204,715 35

### RECEIPTS:

#### Rentals—24th St. Building:

Lodges .....\$51,538 27  
 Other bodies..... 9,024 12  
 Grand Lodge Room.... 5,873 66  
 Specials and Banquet Rooms.... 2,587 00  
 Safes..... 660 00  
 Lockers and Letter Boxes..... 1,134 83  
 Offices ..... 25,868 58  
 Masonic Club..... 8,763 45  
 Cigar and Post Card Stands..... 600 00—106,043 91

#### Rentals—23rd St. old Building:

Stores, Excelsior Sav. Bank.....\$10,625 00  
 Grand Lodge Room ..... 290 00  
 Specials..... 1,285 00  
 Lockers..... 55 00  
 Safes..... 5 00  
 Other bodies..... 496 83— 12,756 88

Grand Lodge Fees..... 29,251 50

Per capita tax, Masonic Home Maintenance..... 70,803 00

#### Interest on Deposits:

Garfield National Bank... ..\$ 2,505 10  
 National Park Bank... .. 2,711 79  
 Metropolitan Savings Bank..... 44 06  
 Sundry Interest ..... 21 42  
 5,282 37

#### Interest on Mortgages:

327/29 West 24th St.....\$ 976 00  
 110/13 West 26th St..... 4,250 00  
 234 Clinton St..... 628 48—5,849 48—11,131 85

Proceeds of Mortgage, 327/29 W. 24th St. 24,000 00

#### Donations and Bequests:

Andrew Jeffreys Garvin, dec'd..... 162 26  
 Carried forward ..... 263,154 40—204,715 35

Brought forward.....	\$263,154 40—204,715 85	
Receipts from sale of Furniture and Organs, 23rd Street Building.....	5,170 00	
Receipts from Farm Produce and other sources at Home.....	1,671 43	
Masonic Club, for Lamps, Supplies, etc.. . .	253 26	
Paul H. Grimm check, issued to him Jan. 26, 1910, returned.....	362 71	
C. C. Boff, for Memorial Window.....	350 00	
J. B. Anthony Memorial.....	825 46	
Sundry rebates, refunds, etc.....	145 46	
Telephone calls.....	129 25	
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	272,061 96	
From Permanent Fund.....	40,000 00	
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Total Receipts.....		312,061 96

## DISBURSEMENTS :

## 24th St. Building Maintenance :

Salaries & Wages,		
Engineers' Dept.	\$14,929 10	
Sup'ts Dept. . . .	10,014 54—24,943 64	
Supplies,		
Engineers' Dept.	2,786 88	
Sup'ts Dept.....	679 84— 3,466 17	
Coal.....	7,428 76	
Water.....	3,361 40	
Insurance.....	224 72	
Tuning and Regulating Organs...	425 00	
Repairs and Renewals .....	1,587 03	
Telephone .....	229 93	
Gas.....	155 84	
Removing old library and putting new library in shape.....	447 00	
Sundry rebates, refunds, etc.....	185 86	
Advertising, commission and sundry expenses.....	1,518 77—42,969 17	
Bank for Savings, Interest on Mort.	60,000 00	

## 23rd Street Building :

Salaries and wages.....	1,343 50	
Insurance.....	1,704 04	
Water.....	451 20	
Gas and Automatic Fire Alarm...	154 80— 3,653 54	
Carried forward . . . . .		\$108,632 71—516,777 81

Brought forward..... \$106,622 71—516,777 81

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Salaries.....	808 00	
Trustees' expenses.....	1,341 70	
Printing and Stationery.....	1,165 35	
Removing safes, new castors and interior, etc .....	100 50	
H. C. Parsons, report on renting conditions.....	176 00	
F. A. Ringler, engraving of Home Views .....	178 00	
Decorating Grand Lodge Hall, R. H. Thomas Funeral.....	50 00	
Masonic Standard, 1100 copies ...	46 00	
Mourning, King Edward VII.....	25 00	
Premium on Surety Bonds, clerical services, postage, car fares, and other office expenses..	1,250 15—	5 140 70

**24th Street Construction :**

Alex. Bryant Co., Wash basins, &c.	507 10	
John Buchanan .....	161 40	
Thonet Bros., Chairs for Chapter Room .....	101 50	
Paul H. Grimm, Engineer, balance in full.....	548 56	
Ark for Chapter Room.....	25 00	
Lighting Fixtures for new library and fitting up same.....	225 30—	1,568 86

**23rd St. Construction (new building)**

H. P. Knowles, ac. Architect fees.	10,000 00	
Jas. W. Hyde, Legal fees.....	504 00—	10,504 00

**23rd St. Lease Purchase :**

Garfield Nat. Bank, Interest on \$33,000 note..		4,184 58
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**HOME ACCOUNT****Maintenance and Betterments :**

Wages .....	39,818 44
Sundry cash disbursements.....	8,199 26
" vouchers paid .....	74,615 82

122,188 52

**HOME CONSTRUCTION :****Laundry and Coal Bunkers :**

R. Richards & Son, Gen'l Construction...	18,787 00
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Am. Laundry Mach. Co. Laundry Machinery..	8,000 00
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Stradling Plumbing and Heating Co.....	322 47
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Utica Steam Boiler Works.....	33 57
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G. Edward Cooper Architect fees.....	250 00—17,393 04
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Carried forward.....	\$17,393 04—250,149 37—516,777 81
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Brought forward .....	\$17,898 04—250,149 87—516,777 31
<b>COW BARNs:</b>	
R. Richards & Son, Gen'l Construction...	12,000 00
Lane Bridge Co. Iron Work. ....	4,000 00
Foster Steel Stanchion Co., Steel Stanchions	620 80
Johns-Manville Co. Roofing & Metal W'k	500 00
C. M. Crosby, International Silo....	252 74
Jones Utica Trucking Co.....	21 56
J. B. Butts . ....	78 07
Hutchison & Cutler Architect fees. ....	600 00—18,073 17
<b>HOME BUILDING:</b>	
Gen'l Fire Extinguisher Co., Installation of Sprinkling System...	8,065 88
R. Richards & Son, General Work. ....	705 02
Stradling Plumbing and Heating Co. Heating etc.....	725 22
Ballida Electric Co. Electric Work. ....	257 90— 9,753 47— 45,219 68
Total disbursements.....	295,369 05
Balance April 1, 1911.....	\$221,408 26
<i>Placed as follows:</i>	
Garfield National Bank.....	\$ 52,547 50
National Park Bank.....	117,150 78
Market and Fulton Bank.....	21,080 18
Metropolitan Savings Bank.....	1,135 16
Cash on hand.....	200 00
" " Superintendent of Home.....	584 19
*Check of Grand Treasurer for deposit.....	28,710 50—221,408 26
<b>GENERAL FUND.</b>	
Amount reported as Balance on hand April 1, 1910	\$204,715 85
Total Cash receipts as shown on Treasurer's report April 1, 1911.....	312 061 96
	\$516,777 31
<b>BONDS AND MORTGAGES:</b>	
On 110/112 W. 26th St. N.Y. City	\$85,000 00
On 284 Clinton St. "	18,855 51
On 327/329 W. 24th St. "	24,000 00—122,855 51
Total General Fund to be accounted for	\$689,632 82
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Total Cash disbursements as shown on Treasurer's report March 31, 1911. ....	\$395,369 05
Bond and Mortgage, 327/329 West 24th St. paid off.....	24,000 00—319,369 05
Total Balance in hands of Treasurer to be accounted for.....	\$820,263 77
*Check was deposited in National Park Bank April 4th, 1911.	

*Placed as follows:*

<b>Cash on deposit:</b>	
In Garfield National Bank.....	\$ 52,547 50
In National Park Bank.....	117,150 73
In Market and Fulton National Bank....	21,080 18
In Metropolitan Savings Bank.....	1,185 16
Cash on hand.....	200 00
Cash in hands of Supt. of Home.....	584 19
*Check of Grand Treasurer in hands of Treasurer for deposit .....	28,710 50
<b>Total Cash Balance April 1, 1911.....</b>	<b>\$231,408 26</b>
<b>Bonds and Mort. in hands of Trustees:</b>	
On 110/12 W. 26th St., N. Y. City, deposited with Garfield Safe	
Dep. Co., as security for note 85,000 00	
On 234 Clinton St., N. Y. City....	13,855 51— 96,855 51—320,268 77
<b>Special Funds.....</b>	<b>57,162 36</b>
<b>Permanent Fund.....</b>	<b>15,541 28</b>
<b>Total Funds in hands of Treasurer April 1, 1911.....</b>	<b>\$392 967 41</b>

**SUMMARY.****CASH:**

General Fund.....	\$221,408 26
Permanent Fund.....	15,541 28
Masonic Sanitorium Fund.....	431 74
Masonic Sanitorium Maintenance Fund....	31 46
Children's Educational Fund.....	45 00
Knights Templar Endowment Fund.....	852 78
Mrs. A. D. Joyce Children's Fund .....	25 00
Chapel Fund.....	4,878 89
<b>Total of Cash.....</b>	<b>248,214 41</b>

**SECURITIES:**

General Fund.....	\$ 96,855 51
Masonic Sanitorium Fund .....	10,186 33
Masonic Sanitorium Maintenance Fund....	698 00
Knights Templar Endowment Fund.....	16,160 68
Children's Fund.....	11,772 02
Chapel Fund.....	12,080 46
<b>Total of Securities.....</b>	<b>149,753 00</b>
	<b>\$392 967 41</b>

\*Check was deposited in National Park Bank April 4th, 1911.

## MASONIC SANITORIUM FUND.

Balance April 1, 1910 .....\$10,186 83

## RECEIPTS :

Interest on Cooley Mtge...\$235 00

Int. on 234 Clinton St. Mtge. 86 74

Int. on 4 N. Y. City Bonds. 120 00      481 74

Balance April 1, 1911..... \$10,618 07

*Placed as follows :*

Bond and Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.. \$1,926 83

Bond and Mortgage, M. L. Cooley... 4,500 00

Four N. Y. City 3% Bonds..... 3,760 00

Cash on deposit in Garfield Nat. Bank      481 74      \$10,618 07

## MASONIC SANITORIUM MAINTENANCE FUND.

Balance April 1, 1910 ..... \$698 00

## RECEIPTS :

Interest on Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.      81 46

Balance April 1, 1911 ..... \$729 46

*Placed as follows :*

Bond and Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.. \$698 00

Cash on deposit Garfield Nat. Bank.      81 46      729 46

## DANIEL D. TOMPKINS FUND.

Balance April 1, 1910 .....\$28,852 48

## DISBURSEMENTS :

Bond and Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.,  
transferred to Chapel Fund . .... 28,852 48

## CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS :

Cash from R. W. Emil Frenkel..... \$45 00

*Placed as follows :*

Cash on deposit, Garfield National Bank..... 45 00

Carried forward..... \$11,892 58

Brought forward ..... \$11,892 58

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance April 1, 1910 ..... \$16,160 69

#### RECEIPTS :

Int. on 11 N. Y. City Bonds \$380 00  
 Int. on 2 Fonda, Johnstown  
 & Gloversville R. R. Bonds 80 00  
 Int. on Mtge, 234 Clinton St. 255 02  
 Cash from Knights Templar 485 00      1,150 02

DISBURSEMENTS..... \$17,810 70

Cash paid for acct. Philip Shutler's  
 Education..... 297 24

Balance April 1, 1911..... \$17,013 46

#### Placed as follows :

Bond and Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.. \$5,667 68  
 Eleven N. Y. City 3% Bonds... 8,618 00  
 Two Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville  
 R. R. 4% Bonds..... 1,880 00  
 Cash on deposit, Garfield Nat. Bank. 665 02  
 Cash on deposit, Market and Fulton  
 National Bank..... 187 76      17,018 46

### MRS. A. D. JOYCE CHILDREN'S FUND.

Balance April 1, 1910 ..... \$25 00

Balance April 1, 1911.. ..... \$25 00

#### Placed as follows :

Cash on deposit, Excelsior Savings Bank..... 25 00

### CHILDREN'S FUND.

#### RECEIPTS :

Share in Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.,  
 purchased from Chapel Fund... \$11,772 02— 11,772 02  
 Carried forward..... \$40,203 01



Brought forward ..... \$40,308 01

## CHAPEL FUND.

## RECEIPTS :

Bond & Mtge., 234 Clinton  
Street, from Daniel D.  
Tompkins Fund..... \$28,852 48  
Cash from M. W. S.  
Nelson Sawyer..... 23,600 00  
Cash from Sale of Share  
in Mtge., 234 Clinton St.  
to Children's Fund..... 11,773 01  
Cash from Int. on Mtge.,  
234 Clinton St..... 1.078 30—\$30,297 79

## DISBURSEMENTS :

Cash paid H. L. Salladin,  
Corner Stone..... \$ 135 00  
Cash p'd J. Massey Rhind,  
acc't D. D. Tompkins  
Memorial..... 5,000 00  
Cash paid R. Richards &  
Son, Foundation Work. 4,689 06  
Cash paid R. Richards &  
Son, Gen'l Construction 21,000 00  
Cash p'd Shadling Plumb-  
ing and Heating Co.... 199 62  
Cash p'd J. & M. Elect. Co. 241 80  
Cash p'd G. Edw. Cooper,  
Architect Fees..... 234 45  
Cash p'd, Work on Grounds 54 00  
Cash. Collection on Checks,  
Nat. Park Bank..... 22 50  
\$31,566 43

Share in Bond and Mtge.,  
234 Clinton St.. sold to  
Children's Fund..... 11.773 01— 43,338 44

Balance April 1, 1911..... \$16,959 35

*Placed as follows :*

Bond and Mortgage, 234 Clinton St.	\$12,080 46	
Cash on deposit. Nat. Park Bank...	4,343 24	
Cash on deposit, Garfield Nat. Bank	536 65	
		<u>16,959 35</u>
		\$57,162 36

## PERMANENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS :

Cash from Grand Treasurer..... 15,541 28

*Placed as follows :*

* In hands of Treasurer for deposit .....	15,541 28
	<u>\$72,703 64</u>

\* Deposited in National Park Bank, April 4, 1911.

# RECEIPTS OF THE FUND AND DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT OF MASONIC HALL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

From	To	Receipts for Rent.	Receipts Per Capita Tax and Fees.	Miscellaneous Sources.	Total Receipts.	Disbursements for Masonic Hall.	Net Income from Rentals after deducting Disbursements for Hall.	Net Deficit from Rentals after deducting Disbursements for Hall.
April 1, 1901—April 1, 1902..	April 1, 1902..	\$40,528 53	\$26,088 00	\$2,066 12	\$68,673 68	\$23,805 80	\$37,317 73	.....
April 1, 1902—April 1, 1903..	April 1, 1903..	62,778 97	29,194 50	1,701 64	93,670 11	25,578 44	37,195 53	.....
April 1, 1903—April 1, 1904..	April 1, 1904..	63,518 03	32,541 00	2,432 53	98,491 56	28,571 48	39,946 55	.....
April 1, 1904—April 1, 1905..	April 1, 1905..	63,821 24	31,688 50	1,894 23	97,398 97	28,027 19	37,794 65	.....
April 1, 1905—April 1, 1906..	April 1, 1906..	61,073 84	72,186 73	3,594 53	139,855 10	23,802 11	38,371 73	.....
April 1, 1906—April 1, 1907..	April 1, 1907..	63,085 05	89,818 72	2,652 79	155,006 56	29,283 14	33,614 91	.....
April 1, 1907—April 1, 1908..	April 1, 1908..	63,482 39	102,200 24	4,121 16	169,803 79	19,374 81	44,207 58	.....
April 1, 1908—April 1, 1909..	April 1, 1909..	64,278 56	100,201 00	10,984 89	175,464 38	19,319 62	44,958 94	.....
April 1, 1909—April 1, 1910..	April 1, 1910..	71,657 89	137,313 00	126,873 8	335,344 71	99,591 53	.....	27,988 69
April 1, 1910—April 1, 1911..	April 1, 1911..	118,805 79	109,054 50	20,201 67	248,061 96	106,622 71	12,188 08	.....

This year the Hall shows a profit of \$12 188.08, against a deficit last year of \$27 988.69.

GRAND LODGE, 1911.

## CASH RECEIVED FOR THE CHILDREN'S FUND

From May 5, 1910, to April 4, 1911.

82nd District.....	\$ 80 00	Brought forward....	\$2,984 00
Jos. C. Sichel.....	25 00	24th District .....	100 00
Herder Lodge No. 698.....	50 00	Fred C. Wagner. . . . .	100 00
Louis H. Hyman.....	50 00	A P. M. of 7th District....	25 00
33rd District.....	115 00	Henry S. Klingenstein....	25 00
2nd District.....	1,000 00	Geo. C. McGown.....	25 00
Geo. W. Millar.....	100 00	W. Bohen, L. I. Lodge...	25 00
Ind. Royal Arch No. 2....	110 00	15th District... ..	110 00
A Past Master of No. 857..	25 00	A Friend.....	50 00
Hall and Asylum Com....	100 00	Leo S. Herzig. . . . .	15 00
80th District .....	105 00	John Spence.....	5 00
20th District.....	115 00	R. G. Brewer of Apawamis	
28th District.....	102 00	Lodge No. 800.....	25 00
W. W.....	5 00	Courtlandt Lodge No. 84..	25 00
Chas. G. Stratton.....	25 00	Alfred B. Marx.....	25 00
Edgar S. Dudley.....	25 00	Chas. H. Howard .....	25 00
Grand Marshal and Staff		Porter Masonic Hall.....	10 00
Officers.....	180 00	Hats passed around.....	803 83
23rd District.....	110 00	Cash received in Grand	
Elmer B. Silver.....	20 00	Lodge Room, but names	
A Brother .....	5 00	not entered or understood	4 35
Thos. A. Laird.....	5 00	John Lloyd Thomas.....	100 00
Sam Wasserman .....	5 00	Rev. Lloyd B. Thomas,	
Mayhew Bronson .....	25 00	Carson City, Nev.....	25 00
Abraham Levy.....	5 00	Wm. Lloyd Spence.....	25 00
O. E. S. Agmore Chapter		G. F. Lawrie.....	100 00
No. 898. . . . .	25 00	Geo. F. Lawrie, account of	
Brother of 9th District....	10 00	Commission of Appeals.	16 67
A Visitor.....	1 00	Genesee Falls Lodge No.	
Mrs. Geo. Tinklepaugh....	25 00	507.....	25 00
Richard Shepard Sr.....	25 00	J. Klinck.....	25 00
Max Hirsch.....	5 00	Abel Crook.....	25 00
Hy. J. Noller, Sec. Anglo-		Harvey A. Patterson....	100 00
Saxon Lodge No. 187....	10 00	Pyramid Lodge No. 490..	100 00
J. H. Meyerholz.....	5 00	A. Eickelberg.....	100 00
41st Dist. Lodges & Masters	100 00	Wm. Sherer.....	100 00
85th District.....	185 00	H. P. Knowles.....	100 00
29th District.....	100 00	A. O. Sykes.....	5 00
23rd Dist. Dep. & Master..	100 00	Fields Hermance.....	5 00
J. Castree Williams.....	5 00	H. W. Smith.....	5 00
19th District.....	100 00	E. B. Van Arsdale..	5 00
Henry Brown.....	1 00	Geo. Nixon .....	5 00
Carried forward....	\$2,984 00	Carried forward. . . .	\$4,748 85

Brought forward ...	\$1,748 83	Brought forward....	\$7,009 54
F. B. Van Kleeck.....	5 00	John W. Jenkins .....	25 00
Louis E. Bomeisler....	116 67	Chancellor Kent Lodge	
Knickerbocker Lodge No.		No. 870.....	25 00
643 .....	25 00	Rev. S. P. Cadman.....	5 00
9th District.....	105 00	Rev. W. N. Dunnell ....	5 00
Christian Dohm .....	100 00	Wm. R. Young .....	10 00
Robert J. Kenworthy....	100 00	Man on the Street .....	5 00
James Ten Eyck. ....	100 00	Geo. Freifeld.....	50 00
James Ten Eyck, In Me-		Albert Winternitz.....	100 00
moriam J. Laubenheimer	100 00	Wm. H. Miller.....	100 00
E. Lowenstein.....	25 00	Washington Lodge No. 21	85 00
J. R. Johnson.....	25 00	Palestine Lodge No. 204..	85 00
Louis B. Quick.....	25 00	Donation from a Brother.	10 00
Richard H. Thomas .....	100 00	Geo. J. Kraus.....	100 00
Richard W. Thomas.....	25 00	Hon. Timothy D. Sullivan	100 00
Nathan T. Hewitt.....	10 00	Masters of 5th District....	100 00
Norseman Lodge.....	25 00	Benevolent Lodge No. 28.	86 34
Fred. G. Lemmerman....	25 00	Maimonides Lodge.....	25 00
Wm. Kleingenstein.....	16 67	James England .....	10 00
John G. Wallenmeier, Jr.	25 00	Darcy Lodge No. 187 .....	50 00
Scottish Rite of N. Y. City	500 00	National Lodge No. 209...	75 00
Shakespeare Lodge No. 750	25 00	Masters of 6th District...	130 00
Azure Lodge No. 868....	6 00	R. W. Saml. H. Stern-	
Putnam Lodge No. 388...	25 00	berg.....	25 00
Chas. Smith.....	100 00	W. Louis Baron .....	10 00
Franklin Lodge No. 216..	25 00	J. A. Reed Master of New-	
Bredablick Lodge.....	25 00	ark Lodge.....	8 00
Adelphi Lodge No. 23....	10 00	R. W. G. W. Norris ...	25 00
Albion Lodge No. 26.....	60 00	Little Falls Lodge.....	25 00
Lotus Lodge No. 81.....	8 35	Corinthian Lodge No. 488.	10 00
Howard Lodge No. 85....	10 00	Tabernacle Lodge No. 598	5 00
Manhattan Lodge No. 62..	10 00	Grammery Lodge No. 537	10 00
Naval Lodge No. 69.....	10 00	Manahatta Lodge No. 489	10 00
John Hancock Lodge No 70	10 00	Evangelist Lodge No. 600.	10 00
Otto Andrea, Jr.....	15 00	Hopewell Lodge No. 596..	10 00
Lodge of Antiquity No. 11	10 00	Astor Lodge No. 608 ....	5 00
Manitou Lodge No. 106...	25 00	Girard Lodge No. 681 ...	10 00
John M. James.....	100 00	Harlem Lodge No. 457...	10 00
14th District.....	100 00	Monitor Lodge No. 528...	10 00
Columbian Lodge No. 484.	100 00	Greenwich Lodge No. 467.	10 00
Republic Lodge No. 690..	50 00	Scotia Lodge No. 684 ...	10 00
Palmyra Lodge .....	8 00	Wyoming Lodge No. 492.	18 00
Bethel Lodge No. 783....	25 00	Ionic Lodge No. 486.....	10 00
Prince of Orange Lodge		Citizens Lodge No. 628...	10 00
No. 16.....	25 00	Americus Lodge No. 535..	25 00
Star of Cuba Lodge No. 742	25 00	R. W. John E. Virden.	5 00
Carried forward....	\$7,009 54	Carried forward.....	\$8,311 88

Brought forward....	\$8,311 88
W. . Robt. B. Alling.....	5 00
W. . J. Franklin Dunseith	5 00
W. . Wm. Ackerman ...	5 00
Composite Lodge No. 819.	25 00
Loggia Ronia Lodge No. 854 .....	25 00
Tecumseh Lodge No. 437..	25 00
Dirigo Lodge No. 80 ....	35 00
Geo. R. Van de Water, Deceased Brother Com.	12 50
W. J. Matthews, Deceased Brother Com.....	12 50
Globe Lodge No. 588.....	30 00
Normal Lodge No. 528....	25 00
Guiding Star Lodge .....	25 00
Cyrus Lodge.....	25 00
Radium Lodge No. 844....	25 00
Batavia Lodge No. 475 ...	20 00
Rev. Wm. Stevens .....	5 00
Rev. Fredk. Bell .....	5 00
Fred C. Meacham .....	25 00
Wm. Fox of Munn Lodge No. 190.....	100 00
Holland Lodge No. 8. . .	100 00
On-da-wa Lodge No. 820.	25 00
Marshall Lodge No. 848...	25 00
York Lodge No. 197.....	25 00
Copestone Lodge No. 641.	100 00
E. M. Ehlers Birthday Com.	57 35
18th District.....	100 00
Syracuse Lodge No. 501..	50 00
Worth Lodge No. 210.....	25 00
Bronx Lodge No. 860.....	25 00
John D. Willard Lodge...	25 00
Marion Lodge No. 278....	25 00
Utica Lodge No. 47.....	25 00
Crescent Lodge No. 403...	100 00
3rd District .....	488 00
James Lawson.....	100 00
Edw. M. L. Ehlers.....	50 00
Wm. Van Hoesen.....	10 00
C. E. Ware.....	10 00
Frank S. Rix .....	25 00
Cassius M. Clapp, Rose Lodge, 82nd District...	8 00
Ulster Lodge No. 193....	25 00

Carried forward....\$10,170 28

Brought forward....	\$10,170 28
Island City Lodge No. 586	50 00
Charter Oak Lodge No. 249	25 00
St. John's Lodge No. 1....	110 00
Westchester Lodge No. 180	25 00
8th District.....	195 00
R. . W. . Henry Schaeffer.	25 00
Faxton Lodge No. 697....	50 00
12th District.....	100 00
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 27.	25 00
Hugo Taussig, Master Mt. Moriah Lodge.....	10 00
Civic Lodge No. 858.....	25 00
Templar Lodge No. 203...	50 00
Milton W. Davison.....	50 00
Modestia Lodge No. 340 ..	50 00
Rising Star Lodge No. 109, N. J. . . . .	100 00
Piatt Lodge No. 194.....	50 00
Delta Lodge No. 451.....	25 00
Pentalpa Lodge No. 744. .	6 00
Bunting Lodge No. 655...	6 00
U. S. Lodge No. 207.....	25 00
Acanthus Lodge No. 719 .	100 00
Hope Lodge No. 244.....	100 00
Lorillard Lodge No. 858 .	25 00
B. F. Lasalle, Rochester, N. Y. ....	25 00
Masters of 1908-1909, 4th Masonic District. ....	28 50
Charity Lodge No. 727....	25 00
Thos. W. Taylor.....	10 00
Seneca River Lodge No. 160 ... ..	25 00
Damascus Lodge No. 867.	35 00
Yonnondio Lodge No. 168	25 00
Pioneer Lodge No. 20.....	35 00
L. J. Harris, Master Ocean Lodge No. 156.....	10 00
Fortitude Lodge No. 19...	50 00
Mariners Lodge No. 87...	10 00
Massapequa Lodge No. 823	25 00
St. Cecile Lodge No. 568..	50 00
Wm. R. Roane, Master Concord Lodge No. 50..	10 00
Arcana Lodge No. 246....	25 00
Goshen Lodge No. 865....	25 00

Carried forward....\$11,810 73

Brought forward..	\$11,810 73
Warwick Lodge No. 544..	25 00
D. D. and Masters, 13th District.....	100 00
Strict Observance Lodge..	10 00
Cazenovia Lodge No. 616.	25 00
Ernest G. Schmidt, Master	
Modentia Lodge No. 840	25 00
Nepperhan Lodge No. 786	25 00
Hiawatha Lodge No. 484.	50 00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 604 .....	55 00
Gavel Lodge No. 708.....	25 00
Sagamore Lodge No. 371.	50 00
Salt Springs Lodge No. 520	50 00
West Point U. D.....	25 00
Another Friend.....	50 00
Daniel Carpenter Lodge No. 648.....	25 00
John Stewart Lodge No. 875 .....	25 00
Alycone Lodge No. 695...	25 00
Sandy Hill Lodge No. 378	25 00
Lafayette Lodge No. 64...	25 00
Harmonic Lodge No. 699..	25 00
17th District .....	140 00
Concord Lodge No. 50 .....	25 00
Golden Rule Lodge No. 970	25 00
Germania Lodge No. 722..	25 00
Grand Chapter O. E. S. N. Y.....	500 00
Masters of 1st District ...	110 00
W. R. Pearce, of Jamaica Lodge No. 546.....	10 00
27th District.....	185 00
Rising Star Lodge No. 450	25 00
Kane Lodge.....	200 00
Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 .....	25 00
Central City Lodge No. 305	50 00
Transportation Lodge No. No. 843 .....	10 00
38th District.....	76 00
Polar Star Lodge No. 245.	250 00
Architect Lodge.....	25 00
Julius W. Hainbach, of Architect Lodge .....	5 00

Carried forward ...\$14,111 73

Brought forward...	\$14,111 73
36th District.....	90 00
Elias Haffa.....	25 00
Woodbine Chapter 112 of E. S.....	5 00
Dunwoodie Lodge No. 868	25 00
Concordia Lodge No. 143.	50 00
81st District .....	100 00
In Memoriam Florence Antoinette Wable.. ...	25 00
26th District.....	80 00
Lily Lodge No. 343. ....	100 00
25th District.....	100 00
La Clemente Lodge No. 410	10 00
Mazzine Lodge No. 824...	10 00
Italia Lodge No. 786.....	10 00
Frederik Lodge No. 857...	10 00
La Universal Lodge No. 751	10 00
La Fraternidad Lodge No. 887 .....	10 00
L'Union Francais Lodge No. 17.....	10 00
La Sincerite Lodge No. 373	10 00
Livingston Lodge No. 637.	10 00
Palestine Commandery...	200 00
Ancient Lodge.....	50 00
Valley Lodge No. 109.....	25 00
16th District.....	104 00
Oriental Lodge No. 224...	25 00
Geo. A. Newell.....	50 10
Mordecai Lodge No. 876..	25 00
Masters and D. D. 11th District ...	80 00
Loggia Garibaldi Lodge No. 542.....	10 00
W. S. Farmer, Commission of Appeals.....	16 67
Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805.....	25 00
Emil Frenkel.....	50 00
39th District.....	100 00
40th District.....	110 00
Mrs. E. Mathiesen, Historian of Aurora Grata Chapter No. 207.....	30 00
Stella, No. 29, O. E. S....	25 00
Alma, No. 41, O. E. S....	25 00

Carried forward....\$15,752 50

Brought forward...	\$15,753 50	Brought forward...	\$15,978 09
Arcturus, No. 61, O. E. S.	20 00	Laurel Chapter No. 44,	
Greenpoint, No. 117, O. E. S.	10 00	O. E. S. ....	25 00
Aurora Grata, No. 207, O.		Rebecca Chapter No. 214,	
E. S. ....	25 00	O. E. S. ....	5 00
Cassia, No. 245, O. E. S.	10 00	Watertown Lodge, No. 49	100 00
Rockland County, No. 371,		John E. Sparrow.....	25 00
O. E. S. ....	5 00	37th District.....	105 32
Ideal, No. 378, O. E. S....	25 00	Mount Morris Lodge, No.	
Geo. E. DeWitt, 21st Dis.	10 00	122.....	25 00
W. T. Wilkinson, 21st Dis.	7 70	Ivanhoe Commandery,	
M. S. T. Scott, 21st Dis...	10 00	No. 38.....	25 00
Wm. Lee, 21st Dis.....	7 70	Masters of 1908-1909, of the	
Thos. H. Carlisle, 21st Dis.	7 09	4th Masonic District....	7 00
W. S. Wilcox, 21st Dis...	7 70	Edwin A. Quick, Gd. His-	
Franklin Lodge No. 90,		torian.....	50 00
21st Dis.....	57 70	Geo. T. Montgomery....	100 00
Rising Sun No. 103.....	7 70		
Jamaica Chapter No. 211,		Total. ....	\$16,440 41
O. E. S. ....	10 00		
Carried forward....	\$15,978 09		

Total Cash Receipts.....	\$16,440 41
Expended.....	4,548 39
Balance.....	\$11,897 02

*Placed as follows:*

Cash on deposit, Garfield Nat. Bank.....	125 00
Bond and Mortgage, 234 Clinton Street....	11,772 02
	\$11,897 02

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MASONIC HOME.

UTICA, N. Y., March 31, 1911.

*To the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund:*

I submit herewith the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Masonic Home, including in detail an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures (vouchers and receipts of which have been examined and approved by the Auditing Committee) and such occasions of interest as occurred at the Home during the past year. I have furnished in this Report, as nearly as possible, a fac-simile of the system of bookkeeping as it appears in our books, so that the Fraternity may, at a glance, understand the system prevailing.

On this day, the Home family consists of 197 men, 113 women, 50 boys and 65 girls, making a total of 425. The age of the oldest member is ninety-six years, and that of the youngest, two years and eight months.

The employees of the Home consist of the following: Superintendent, 1; Matron, 1; Bookkeeper, 1; House Physician, 1; Nurses and Attendants, 7; Attendants in Memorial Building, 4; Kindergarten Teacher, 1; Housekeeper, 1; Chef and Assistants, 5; Baker and Assistant, 2; Janitor and Assistants, 3; Carpenter, 1; Painter, 1; Seamstress, 1; Engineer and Firemen, 6; Watchmen, 2; Laundryman and Assistants, 9; Waitresses and House-maids, 11; Outside Laborers, 2; Total, 60. Of this number, thirty-seven reside in the Home.

The farm and stock require the employment of a farmer and seven farm-hands. The farm-hands board with the farmer, who resides in the house provided by the Fraternity, half of which is occupied by the engineer of the Home and his family.

As heretofore, one of the farm-hands devotes nine months of his time to the driving of the Home Stage and Sleigh to and from the Albany Street Public School. Forty-five of our Children attend this school, which is at a distance of one and one-half miles from the Home and cannot be reached in any other way, owing to the lack of car service. During the past winter, on many days, it was impossible even to get our large sleigh to the school, because of the severity of the weather. The Children come back to the Home at noon, are provided with a hot dinner and then, returned to school and are called for when school closes.

At this date, the live stock on the farm consists of fifty-four (54) cows; one (1) bull; six (6) yearlings; two (2) calves; ten (10) horses; sixty (60) pigs; and two hundred and forty-three (243) chickens.



Seventeen of our Children attend the Advanced School, fifteen, the Utica Free Academy and thirty-two are in the Kindergarten Class at the Home.

Two of our girls who received training in the Home Hospital for a number of months, have entered a City hospital to prepare for graduation as trained nurses and are doing splendid work. Another girl, who trained in the Home Hospital has entered a hospital in New York City and we learn that she is doing well.

The reports received from the City Schools as to the standing and deportment of our children are all that could be wished for.

Last year, one of our girls graduated from the Utica Free Academy as an honor student and is now in the Oneonta State Normal School, preparing for her life's work as a teacher.

Phillip F. Shutler, one of our boys who had been in Union College for the past six years, graduated last June as an honor student and is now earning his living as a civil engineer.

During the past twelve months, five of our girls and one boy have been placed in positions and are doing well. The boys and girls who have been placed in positions during the past three years are heard from regularly and it is pleasing to know that all are progressing.

As heretofore, between the study hours, our Children are instructed in stenography, typewriting, dressmaking, millinery work and cooking. A number of our girls are earning their living as stenographers and one, as a dressmaker. Our larger girls make their own clothes and the smaller ones have improved wonderfully in their sewing and make nearly all that they wear in the form of underclothing.

The Children who attend the Advanced School and Utica Free Academy are compelled, because of the distance from the Home, which is two and one-half miles, to use the street cars. We insist upon their returning to the Home for a hot dinner, rather than to provide luncheon and the result is that they are a healthy lot, and although, there has been much illness in other institutions, our Children have been comparatively free from sickness. This, we think, is due to the food they receive and the exercise in going to and from school.

Our Children have improved very much in their music and now, we never think of engaging outside musicians for entertainment. The Children have formed an orchestra consisting of twenty-five pieces and we are not the least backward in stating that they are capable of performing on any occasion. The Children are being instructed in vocal music, also, with good results.

A great many changes, owing to the large number of children which we now have, have been made in the Memorial or Children's Building. The Kindergarten School now occupies the first floor in the building, which formerly was used as a telegraphy room. This

has been fitted up in kindergarten form and, as the room is on a level with the ground, in the pleasant weather, the Children have the privilege of running in and out, which is much better for them than on the first floor, one flight up. Many of our kindergarten children are, practically, babies, and the advantages in this large, delightful, sunny room are most noticeable.

The former school room which occupies the length of the Memorial Building to the west, has been transformed into a nursery containing fourteen beds. These two large rooms have been carpeted, the walls adorned with children's pictures and, all-in-all, furnish very pleasant quarters,—airy and sunny. Last year, it was necessary to take half of this section for the nursery, but, because of the number of new babies that have been received, the entire half of the floor is now used for the purpose as above stated.

The rooms on the opposite side, which were used as a kindergarten, Children's Library and study room and the babies' play room, have been furnished with beds, so that in the Children's Building to-day, every room is occupied as a bed room. Consequently, it was necessary to furnish a study room and library for the Children's use.

The old Chapel in the Administration Building, which would hold about one hundred and twenty-five during services, had become entirely too small for church use, and it has been fitted up as a library and study room and furnished with bookcases and a splendid assortment of books. Twenty-one desk tables, which can be occupied by two students at a time, with incandescent lights in the center are used for studying purposes. The bookcases are open during study hours, so that the Children have the privilege of referring to any book to help them in their studies. After study hours, the old Trustees' or Committee Room, which has been furnished as a reading room and supplied with bookcases and books and all the latest magazines, is occupied by the Children who read until bed time. The Library has caused much pleasing comment from visitors and the Utica Observer of Aug. 2d, 1910, furnished the following article:

When the school year opens the children of the Masonic Home will be provided with about as pleasant and comfortable a study room and library as may be found in any college, boarding school, educational center or private home.

The next morning following the celebration of St. John's day at the Home, Supt. Wiley had some men at work taking out the furnishings of the chapel, which has occupied the two rooms on the west front since the building was opened. Since that time, the old Chapel has been changed into a library and study room. Around the sides wherever possible, fine bookcases have been erected, and these are being filled with books. The great start for this library was made by Supt. Wiley himself, who gave many of the volumes of his private library for that purpose. There were hundreds of these, and a mere glance at them convinces one that Mr. Wiley purchased with

discrimination and with an unsparing hand. The sets which he gave toward the object comprise many of the best productions in literature—rare and beautiful works that should form the basis of every large library and some in the forming of a broad and liberal education. In addition to this, the superintendent has continued his selections, adding several hundred new volumes and covering a wide range in the best of literature, the whole forming not only an almost complete reference library, but one from which may be drawn a thorough knowledge of the classics, history, poetry, fiction, art and travel. The editions are all of the best binding and print, and the cases present not only a handsome appearance, but they have a charm that must invite a lover of books to tarry in their presence.

At the western end of the room, where the platform and speaker's desk formerly stood, has been erected a fountain in which there are gold fish and water plants. It is a large octagonal bowl of approved construction and so carefully designed and erected that it will not affect the carpet or furnishings.

The study room has been wired for 21 desks, which will be soon installed and each one will be supplied with individual lights. Flags, good pictures, a few fine statuettes and numbers of the popular sayings and mottos on wooden hangers, adorn the walls in tasteful, but not painful, profusion.

As a whole, the new department furnishes a most inviting appearance. Here the older boys and girls of the Home who are attending the city schools will find a place where they can pursue their studies, or any course of reading proper for them, and not be interfered with by the games or operations in the children's building. Superintendent Wiley has felt the need of this sort of a room for some time, and he believes that it will prove of great value to the children of the Home throughout many years, as it will provide them with an educational center.

The advantages of this Study Room are a hundred fold. Heretofore, where eight or ten girls occupied a large dormitory, there was always contention. Some, whose studies were not so hard as others, would want to go to bed and could not sleep because of the light.

The children assemble in the Study Room in the afternoon or evening, not a sound can be heard and we have been informed by the Academy students that they save at least two hours each night in their studies. A record is kept by the Superintendent of just how much time each child spends on every subject, comparisons made, and, if the report from the school at the end of the quarter is not satisfactory, investigation is made and in a number of cases, we have found that some of our Children had subjects that were absolutely impossible for them to master and which would be useless to them in life's work. So, requests have been made that such studies be dispensed with and others taken up, which have always been granted by the school authorities.

The walls are adorned with large photographs of Past Grand Masters, and, it is a beautiful picture to see the Children at their work in the evening, and can only be appreciated by having been seen.

The old Chapel, formerly, was heated with hot-air from the basement and was anything but serviceable or pleasant because of the odors. This has been done away with, steam radiators placed in the Library and, consequently, connected with the larger girls' dormitory up stairs. And now, during the cold weather, the room can be kept comfortable. Heretofore, on very cold days, if the hot-air registers were open in the basement, not a particle of heat went above that.

The ceilings in every room in the Memorial Building have been covered with pressed steel. Much trouble had been experienced by the ceilings falling and the side walls cracking until it became dangerous. Ceilings were replastered but would not hold and it was thought to be more economical in the end and certainly much safer to provide the metal ceilings. Consequently, even the hallways have been furnished with these ceilings. The entire building has been repainted inside and is fresh and clean and certainly presents an inviting appearance.

The gymnasium is open at all times and is used for orchestra practice and play. No other room in the Home has had the use that this one has or has been of more service. Sunday School is conducted for the Children in the gymnasium every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. For a time, while waiting for the completion of the new Chapel, Sunday services were held in the gymnasium, but because of the lack of ventilation, had to be given up. The southerly end of the dining room is and has been for a number of months, used for Sunday services and will continue to be used for that purpose until the Chapel is dedicated. We have had as many as seven hundred people congregated in the dining room at Lodge visitations and we will rejoice when this can be dispensed with and the Chapel used. It is rather an awkward place for the holding of services as the kitchen noise interferes and it is also the only entrance to the Hospital in case of emergency.

To the south of the Hospital, during the past summer, a very large pavilion has been constructed for the use of the older people and those who room in the Hospital and Dormitories. The pavilion, fifty feet long by twenty feet wide, is enclosed with wire netting and every morning the Dormitory patients are conducted there in charge of an attendant and the men spend their time playing cards and smoking and the women in reading. No matter how warm the weather may be, at this particular point, there is always a breeze. Before this was provided, it was dangerous to permit many of these patients on the grounds because they would wander away and cause us much distress and trouble.

On account of the locations selected for Chapel and Laundry, the length of the roadway, which encircles the Home, had to be increased materially, so that now, there is a roadway fully a half mile long, which automobiles and carriages can use and see the entire plant as well as the farm. The pavilion faces the roadway.

It is useless to say that our athletic field is in use every moment during the pleasant weather. This winter, a large skating pond was made on the athletic field and much enjoyed. The ice was about five inches thick and the Children prohibited from skating on the lake, where the water is ten feet deep. And, by using the pond on the athletic field, they were in sight every minute.

During the past summer, a flat-bottom boat was constructed at the Home and placed on the pond and can be used by the Children when one of the nurses, or attendants is with them, and they have had considerable sport with it.

This past winter, we have cut enough ice from our lake to keep the farm supplied for the coming year.

The Chapel is nearing completion and by the time this Report is published, will be finished. It is certainly a beautiful piece of work and an everlasting monument to the Fraternity in this State.

To the west of the entrance, the little spot of ground has been laid out as a park, in the center of which and directly in front of the Chapel, is a fountain. The appearance of this little park with the Chapel is very attractive.

The larger girls' dormitory, which is in the Main Building, near the Superintendent's quarters, contains sixteen beds. This room, which was used for children during the first few years of the Home and later as a Hospital Dormitory, contained a very small bath room, which was entirely inadequate for the number now occupying the room. It had but one bath tub, three feet long of tin, one wash-basin and two toilets. The room adjoining this room to the west was vacated, a doorway cut through from the girls' quarters and the room made into a bath room containing two large tubs, four wash-basins, three toilets and a large slop sink. It has been a mystery how the girls managed as conditions were.

Owing to the great number of Brethern now in the Home, numbering about two hundred, the old Smoking Room was too small to accommodate them. The large room in the basement on the south-east corner of the Administration Building, was altered, furnished with a pool table, presented by R. W. Tom W. Johnson, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth District, and the Members enjoy using this room far better than the old Smoking Room, which is to the south of the building. While playing pool, they are allowed to smoke, but, in the Reading Room which is under the Children's Library and which contains a billiard and pool table, smoking is not permissible. The new Smoking Room is used also as a meeting room by the Masonic Home Veterans' Association and

with the aid of the large phonograph, they have many enjoyable times.

The Children's Sewing Room, formerly on the first floor of the Administration Building, has been moved to the second floor, where the light is better and where our little tots meet on sewing days and are instructed in the mysteries of making clothes for their own use.

The old Sewing Room has been transformed into a play room for the little children. Owing to the number of children in the Memorial Building, there is no play room but the play ground, which is occupied by the larger boys and girls and the little tots stand very little opportunity of not being interfered with. So, this room is furnished as a child's play room and in the afternoons and evenings the little ones, ranging from two to six years, are permitted to assemble, play games, read their fairy books and enjoy themselves, and are under the eye of the Matron at all times.

M.: W.: John W. Vrooman, who as Grand Master laid the Corner Stone of the Masonic Home at Utica, presented to the Home the trowel which he used on that occasion. It was transmitted with the following letter, which is beautifully engraved:

"HERKIMER, N. Y., Oct. 24, 1910.

MY DEAR BROTHER WILEY:

Of all Masonic Possessions, the trowel with which I laid the Corner Stone of the Masonic Home is, to me, the most precious.

It has always been my wish that this trowel should sometime belong to the Home.

Desiring to see this wish fulfilled, I now present it to the Home for which I have labored and which I love.

Asking God's best blessing to ever rest upon all who may abide under its protecting care, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JOHN W. VROOMAN.

R.: W.: WILLIAM J. WILEY,  
Superintendent Masonic Home,  
Utica, N. Y."

The trowel and letter are in a handsome glass box and placed in the Children's Library and Study Room, directly under the large photograph of Brother Vrooman. The trowel is of sterling silver with an ivory handle. On its front is an engraving of the Home, and on the other side, the following inscription:

"With this trowel was laid the Corner Stone of the Masonic Home at Utica, New York, May 21st, 1891. Presented to M.:W.: John W. Vrooman, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, Edward B. Harper, Alexander T. Goodwin, John Stewart, George Hayes, Horace L. Greene, George H. Wiley and Jerome E. Morse."

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge in May, 1910, more than 18,000 visitors have called at the Home. We have had as large a number as three hundred in one day, which did not consist of delegations, but different parties, and, from the present daily visitations, it looks as if this might continue. The Children's Library and Study Room has caused more favorable comment than any other room in the building.

Realizing that many of the Brethren of the Fraternity have but little conception of the size of our Home at Utica, we thought it would be interesting to give the following figures. The square feet of flooring which has to be kept clean is, 192,834, equal to five acres. This does not include the walls, staircases, &c. The square feet of radiation is 28,000, which heats 2,240,000 cubic feet. It takes one and one-half hours to conduct a person through the Home and permit him to see all places of interest from the cellar to the top floor. The acreage of the Home Property is about 225. Of course, the figures above specified, do not include our barns or farm houses, but merely the Home proper.

Because of the increase in the number of Children as above stated, rooms in the Memorial Building which were formerly used for school, library, play room and kindergarten purposes, have been made into dormitories. Consequently, it became necessary to connect the water with these rooms and also to build wardrobes or closets in the main hallway of the building to save space in the various rooms. This, of course, has added to the expense.

Screens have been made for every window in the Hospital, during the past summer, so that now, the entire building is protected.

It is pleasant to note that in the hospital in this City where two of our girls are preparing for graduation as nurses, in the examination for the first quarter, out of the whole class, but four girls passed, two of whom were the girls referred to on these pages.

The increased cost in the clothing account is due somewhat to the Children. Nearly eighty of our Children attend the Public Schools. They are not clothed in the customary institutional uniform. Each girl and boy are dressed differently and like children of private families. The result is that they are as well dressed and as presentable in appearance as any of the pupils attending the schools and Academy, and are not looked upon as coming from an institution. This custom may be costly, but when we consider the results, it is not dear.

When the time arrives for our Children to leave the Home to enter into life's work, they are in possession of a good education, are intelligent, of pleasing appearance and we have no difficulty whatever in placing them in positions. During the past year, a number of our boys and girls have been advanced in the business houses with which they are connected and it is most gratifying.

The east stoop of the Administration Building, heretofore, dur-

ing the winter weather had been boarded up, making the hallway dreary and anything but sanitary. During the past summer, a glass enclosed porch has been erected on the stoop so that during the long winter months, the hall door remained open and the hallway was perfectly light and cheerful. This is a permanent structure and in the summer time, the hallway can be ventilated from this porch. It also protects us from the heavy storms. During the heavy rain and snow storms, the water and snow would beat under the old structure, into the hallway and much damage was done.

We desire to express our appreciation to the clergymen who have so kindly filled the pulpit on Sundays and who, when called upon to conduct funeral services, have responded most willingly.

The Home has been thoroughly inspected by the Standing Committee at its regular meetings and many valuable suggestions offered.

The Sunday services have been as follows:

1910.		1910.	
April	3, Rev. John R. Harding.	Oct.	2, Rev. G. W. Ball.
	10, R. W. Wm. E. Stevens, Grand Chaplin.		9, Rev. Octavius Applegate.
	17, No service.		16, Rev. George C. Baner.
	24, No service.		23, No service.
May	1, No service.		30, Rev. E. H. Scott.
	8, No service.	Nov.	6, No service.
	15, Syracuse Lodge #501.		13, Ilion Lodge #591, and Mohawk Lodge #276.
	22, Oriental Lodge #224.		20, Utica Lodge #47.
	29, Rev. G. W. Ball.		27, St. Paul's Lodge #124.
June	5, Hamilton Lodge #79.	Dec.	4, No service.
	12, Rev. C. M. Dodge.		11, Faxon Lodge #697.
	19, Rev. John Snape.		18, No service.
	26, Grand Lodge.		25, Rev. J. B. Shepard.
July	3, No service.	1911.	
	10, No service.	Jan.	1, No service.
	17, No service.		8, No service.
	24, No service.		15, Rev. G. W. Ball.
	31, No service.		22, No service.
Aug.	7, No service.		29, Rev. George C. Groves.
	14, No service.	Feb.	5, No service.
	21, No service.		12, Rev. C. M. Dodge.
	28, No service.		19, Rev. J. B. Shepard.
Sept.	4, Boonville Lodge #165, Remsen Lodge #677 and Uriel Lodge #809.		26, Oneida Lodge #270.
	11, No service.	March	5, No service.
	18, Sanger Lodge #129.		19, Rev. George C. Groves.
	25, No service.		6, No service.



The notable and special events of the year may be enumerated as follows:

1910, April 16. On this day, the Corner Stone of the new Masonic Home Chapel was laid with impressive ceremonies by M. W. S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master. The exercises can be best described by the following account from the Utica Daily Press of April 17th:

Masons from all over the Empire State were present Saturday afternoon during the impressive ceremonies in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the chapel at the Masonic Home in this city. The program was scheduled to start at 2:30, but it was fully an hour after that time when the ceremonies were actually begun.

The grounds of the home presented a sight typical of great occasions. American flags were everywhere in evidence, and the platform upon which the officials of the fraternity were seated during the ceremony was draped with patriotic colors and decorated with a variety of spring flowers. An immense crowd thronged the grounds, and the impressiveness of the scene was greatly augmented by the brilliant raiment of several lodges arrayed in full-dress uniform. Not only did the people come on foot and in trolley cars, but automobiles were also utilized.

The ceremonies were commenced with the proclamation by R. W. George S. Tinklepaugh of Palmyra, Grand Marshal: "By order of the Most Worshipful Samuel Nelson Sawyer, I command all persons present to preserve silence and observe order and decorum during the ceremonies about to take place."

As the Grand Marshal finished the proclamation, the children of the Home rose from their seats on the platform and commenced singing "America." Soon the entire convocation and thousands of men and women and children were lifting their voices in patriotic devotion.

Samuel Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master of the fraternity, was then presented by little Delia Thompson with the souvenir trowel to be used in the ceremonies, William J. Wiley, superintendent of the Masonic Home, making the presentation speech. Most Worshipful Grand Master: "You have officiated upon many occasions like unto this one held to-day and you have laid with Masonic Services, many corner stones, but, I am safe in stating that this is the

first time you have laid the corner stone of a building which is directly due to your time, thought and labor. And, these, our Children, here assembled, placed in your care by the Grand Master of the Universe, to whom this Chapel will be dedicated for the comfort of both old and young, appreciate your labor greatly. I ask you to accept from the hand of the youngest of these, our Children, this trowel, to be used in spreading the cement which unites the Corner Stone to the building. Indeed, your conception of this house of worship will stand as a monument when we are gone and these Children and your own children and their children's children will look upon the results of your handiwork and call you blessed."

In replying, the Grand Master thanked Mr. Wiley for his remarks, but declared he was not so much responsible for the erection of the chapel as were individual Masons who had contributed to the cause.

The preliminaries being over, the actual ceremony of laying the corner-stone was then commenced with a declaration by the Grand Master and response by Senior Grand Warden Charles Smith of Oneonta. Rev. Horace W. Smith, of Port Byron, Grand Chaplain of the order, offered the invocation, after which the list of contents of the box was read by M. W. E. M. L. Ehlers of New York, Grand Secretary. This contained a list of the Grand Lodges of 1910, a Masonic Standard, copies of the Daily Press, Herald-Dispatch and Observer, a 1910 coin, copies of the New York Herald, Sun, Tribune and Times; a picture of the Masonic Home and a group picture of the board of trustees. When the Grand Secretary turned the box and its contents over to the Grand Master, the members of the fraternity gave nine handclaps, symbolical of grand honors. Before the addresses of the afternoon were made, the following program was carried out after the depositing of the box.

Presentation of Working Tools—R. W. Frank E. Haff of New York, president of the board of trustees of the Masonic Home and Asylum fund.

Song—Children of the home.

Proving of the Stone—R. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy of New York, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Charles Smith, S. G. W. and R. W. Thomas Penney, J. G. W.

Proclamation Declaring the Stone Laid—Grand Master.

Consecration of the stone:

Pouring of Corn—R. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, D. G. M.

Pouring of Wine—R. W. Charles Smith, S. G. W.

Pouring of Oil—R. W. Thomas Penney, J. G. W.

The first address was made by Grand Master Sawyer, who spoke briefly as follows:

"This building is to be erected for the happiness of the little ones who are looking forward to the day when they can take our places in the activities of the world. It is also to be erected for the comfort of those who are no longer looking toward the east, but whose faces are turned toward the setting sun. It is not alone the enterprise of the Grand Lodge which is represented in this building, but it represents the individual contributions and the love of the craft whose wards the home shelters.

"God grant that those who look forward to the life from this Home shall go forward equipped and imbued with the lessons they have received, also that the building shall radiate comfort to the aged."

"In introducing Grand Secretary Ehlers, Grand Master Sawyer said: "Twenty-five years ago the hopes of the brethren that a home should be erected for the aged and the orphans and widows began to give promise of fruition. The brethren of that generation put their shoulders to the wheel and as years went by they saw the home become a fact. Of the members of the Grand Lodge at that time there are but four members alive to-day. Two are unable to be present to-day owing to the infirmities of old age, but we have two of the brothers on the platform with us to-day, and I take great pleasure in introducing to you Most Worshipful E. M. L. Ehlers."

Mr. Ehlers said in part: "My Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:—The ceremony of the hour marks the third epoch in the history of our Home. The Grand Master has placed the corner stone of an edifice within whose walls, when completed, will resound the tuneful voices of the young in their glad songs of praise and the ascriptions of those at life's sun down to the Great Jehovah. It will become a shrine of worship to those who find a habitation within this retreat. It is the culmination, the completion of many years of Masonic benevolence, and paradoxical as it may seem, the corner stone of the chapel,

is in reality the keystone, the crowning glory of our Masonic Home.

"Many years have elapsed since the work we now complete was begun. In 1843 James Herring, secretary of the Grand Lodge, presented the subscriptions of a number of brethren whom he had invited to join him in the fulfilment of a project, the creation of his own, that a hall be builded in the city of New York, out of the revenues of which there should be erected an asylum in the interior of the state for the decayed Mason, his widow and orphans.

Twenty-seven years after the contribution of the first dollar by Greenfield Pote to the hall and asylum fund, the corner stone of the hall was laid in New York. It was not given to Herring to see the fruition of his work in the first epoch of the benefaction so dear to the hearts of us all. How strange is the irony of fate. The daughter of this man in her old age found raiment, food and shelter under the roof of our Home. Applause.

"History teaches that whenever a great work is to be accomplished the man to lead is ready. The hall in the city of New York was completed and dedicated in 1875; but its revenues were exhausted in the payment of interest charges upon an enormous debt, leaving no surplus for the construction of the Home, the real object of the inception of the project. It was in the second epoch of the great work that a leader was found with stamina, virility, firmness and courage. A man who knew the value of time and opportunity fearless in overcoming obstacles and thoroughly equipped to make an assault upon the great debt, which retarded the building of the Asylum. In less than four years Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence with the generous co-operation of the craft raised every dollar of the indebtedness and at the expiration of his term of service left a substantial surplus, and the building of the Home assured."

Past Grand Master Vrooman was also heard briefly. In part he said: "Most devoutly do I thank God for being permitted to witness this scene and to participate in the proceedings of this eventful day. Only 20 years ago these broad acres, now our Home property, were used for purely commercial purposes. Through heroic efforts of the then Grand Lodge Officers, coupled with the valuable assistance of citizens of Utica, both in and out the fraternity, this property

was purchased. Nineteen years ago, lacking a few weeks, I was permitted by the favor of my brethren to lay the corner stone of the Home. Deeply have I always appreciated the magnitude of that honor. I ask for no other preferment in Masonic life or monument after death. While May 21, 1891, will forever remain a red letter day in the history of this grand jurisdiction, April 16, 1910, will remain a day of equal if not greater import.

"As our Home is held up to Free Masons everywhere as perhaps the finest model of its kind in the world, so this chapel will ever be held up as a devout object lesson and as a divine inspiration to the fraternity wherever assembled. Is it not the first building in point of magnitude, dedicated for this special purpose that has ever been erected in the Masonic world? We can reverently say. 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' I stand here in awe, and overwhelmed with gratitude.

"My brethren, many of you have heard me speak from time to time upon the religious as well as the normal teachings of Free Masonry. Upon this God-given occasion, in this presence, under the shadow of the home, and upon the site where our chapel is to be erected may I repeat that there is religion in Free Masonry. Not the narrow religion of the sect or creed, but that broad religion which teaches 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me;' that religion which teaches as from childhood to old age reverently to say 'Our Father which art in heaven;' that religion which teaches us to protect and preserve the great light in masonry which is given as a 'rule and guide for our faith and practice.' And so long as 10,000 lodges exist, so long will 10,000 holy Bibles be preserved, as silent but all-powerful witnesses before the world that there is religion in Free Masonry.

"Our grand institution, lives, moves and has its being in that beautiful and broad religion which conveys to us the command 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.' Does not this declare with great force and power the truth we so love to teach, 'The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man?'"

In the evening a dance was held in the Children's Dining Room, and a number of the Grand Lodge Officers were present. Both old and young enjoyed the evening immensely.

1910. May 3. Ninety-two Children, accompanied by Superintendent and Mrs. Wiley and several attendants, started for New York to attend the Grand Lodge Session on May 4th, and to surprise the M. W. S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master. The following description from the Masonic Standard of May 7th will give a full account. A fac-simile of the program is also given:

All of Wednesday afternoon's session was devoted to the ninety-two children from the Masonic Home at Utica. Their visit had been planned as a surprise to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge by the Trustees, the Deputy Grand Master and Superintendent Wiley. But some of the morning newspapers found out that the children were in town, and of course they had to divulge the secret.

Labor was not resumed at the afternoon session, but the members of the Grand Lodge were clothed and in their places, and a number of ladies who knew the children were to be there found seats in the crowded balcony, where they were interested and sympathetic spectators. At 2.30 Miss Veturia Wiley, daughter of R. W. William J. Wiley, Superintendent of the Home, played an organ voluntary, and then the children entered, singing the processional, "Ancient of Days." Down the center aisle they marched, with Bro. Wiley at the head, leading the little toddlers. They were graded in size, from children of 2 years to big boys and girls of 15 or 16. They mounted the platform, which had been enlarged for the occasion. Miss Elsie Dittwald, a miss in cap and gown, opened the program with a "Salutatory" speech, bringing the greetings of the happy and grateful children to the Grand Lodge, which she delivered very nicely. Then the orchestra of twenty pieces, composed of boys and girls, played Bernlocher's "Festal March," and responded to an encore.

Master Merle Greene read "a composition," on "The Home, a Boy's View," in which he stated that he had lived there fifteen years, and gave some account of the changes he had seen. Later in the afternoon Miss Ella Snyder read "A Girl's View" of the Home, describing different features of the life there. Both made it plain that the children appreciate what is being done for them.

The chorus of children sang "But When Morning Dawneth" and "Pilgrim's Chorus," with fine effect. The Grand Lodge assisted the chorus a little later,

when Eleanor Keach and Ida Pistilli sang "Old Folks at Home" and "Old Black Joe." Their childish voices had a most pleasing effect. A cornet duet by Miss Mabel Mathews and Master Henry Blas was encored, and then Master Merle Greene joined the duet and it became a trio. Their effort, and that of Masters Merle Greene on the cornet and Fred Lanz on the flute was most heartily applauded. The chorus "The Lord is my Shepherd" was sung most effectively, but perhaps the sweetest of the vocal numbers was "Santa Lucia," a solo by Miss Katherine Vetere. Miss Veturia Wiley played a difficult piano solo, "Recollections of Home," with fine execution, and responded to an encore.

R. W. and Rev. Joseph Silverman addressed the children, telling them to throw open their hearts to happiness, just as they throw open their windows to the sunshine. He spoke seriously to the Grand Lodge of the advance that has been made by the world in its care for the children and attention to their education, and reminded them that there are still 2,000,000 juvenile wage workers in this country whose young lives are blighted by unremitting toil. R. W. and Rev. George R. Van De Water talked for a few minutes to the children, and soon had them laughing with his funny stories. The little faces had been pretty serious all afternoon until he brightened them up with his jolly and sympathetic talk.

The program closed with "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" by the orchestra, chorus and members of the Grand Lodge. Then the children marched out singing the recessional, "God be with you till we meet again." Miss Wiley had resumed her place at the great organ, and just as the last of the procession passed through the door, she played the first bars of "Home Sweet Home," and Miss Katherine Vetere, who had already captured the audience by her rendition of "Santa Lucia," sang that most familiar and touching of all ballads, with singular pathos and feeling. There were not many dry eyes in the room as the brethren realized its significance.

The appearance of the orphans in the Grand Lodge made a profound impression, and the memory of their bright faces and sweet childish voices will linger forever in the minds of those who saw and heard them.

The following tribute of appreciation was placed on the program of the concert given by the children:

"The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund cheerfully acknowledged their great obligations to Miss Veturia Isabel Wiley, daughter of R..W..William J. Wiley, Superintendent of the Home, for her gratuitous and arduous labor in teaching the children the musical selections of the following program. In grateful appreciation the Trustees have extended to Miss Wiley an invitation to open the afternoon session of the Grand Lodge on May 4, 1910, with an organ voluntary, and to include in the program a piano solo."

The children were brought down from Utica in two special coaches on Tuesday, and were quartered at the Hotel Victoria, where they were well taken care of. They were taken to the Hippodrome Wednesday night, and saw something of the wonders of the town from automobiles on Wednesday morning. They returned home Thursday.

We desire to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during our visit to New York, to the Masonic Club of New York City, who provided supper and lunches for the Children; to Brother Louis S. Grenner, who donated one hundred pound boxes of candy to the Children as they were leaving for Utica; to R..W..Brother M. C. Jacobs of Washington Lodge #85 who gave a rose to each child. Especially do we desire to express our sincere thanks to the Committee from the Masonic Club who aided us so in looking after the welfare and safety of the Children.

1910, May 15.

The reputation of the Masonic Home as a most excellent charitable institution is already well established, but something is being added to it daily. And more than 200 additional "boosters" were secured yesterday by the visitation of the Home by a party from Syracuse Lodge, No. 501, F. and A. M., of Syracuse. A few other lodges were represented, but by far the largest delegation came from that one. In four special cars they came to Utica over the Onondaga Railway, the start having been made about 1 o'clock. Shortly after 3 they arrived at the entrance of the Masonic Home grounds and there a beautiful sight was revealed to them. Under the smiling sky of a perfect spring day the surroundings of the Home could not have been more picturesque, and the sight was something of a surprise to those of the party who were not familiar with the charms of the place.



Shortly after their arrival the visitors were conducted to the chapel, where the children of the Home took part in a short program which included many of the musical numbers given by them at their recent appearance before the Grand Lodge in New York. Many were the expressions of delighted approval on the part of the visitors and their enjoyment of the artistic performance of the children was indeed genuine. In a short address Worshipful Master Horace G. Stone expressed the sentiments of the visitors and complimented those in charge of the Home for the excellent manner in which it is being conducted. In particular he spoke of the impression made on him, as one of those in attendance at the Grand Lodge, by the appearance of the children there. As he related in detail how they moved that large gathering by their beautiful singing, the whole scene was made very real for those in the chapel because of the music they had just heard.

A collection was taken during the exercises and the sum of \$65 was realized, which was presented to Supt. Wiley with the hearty good wishes of the donors. It will be devoted to the children's fund. The program was as follows:

Processional....."Ancient of Days."  
 Welcome.....W. J. Wiley, Superintendent.  
 Hymn....."But When the Morning Dawneth."  
 Prayer.....Siebert T. Friederick, Senior Warden.  
 Orchestra....."Festival March."  
 Address—  
     Horace G. Stone, Worshipful Master.  
 Hymn....."Pilgrim's Chorus."  
 Orchestra ..... "Meditation."  
 Hymn....."The Lord Is My Shepherd."  
 Orchestra....."Roseland," "America,"  
     "The Star Spangled Banner."  
 Recessional—  
     "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." "Home,  
     Sweet Home," Katherine Vetere.

After these exercises had been concluded the formal part of the program was ended. The party scattered, some to walk through the buildings to visit with friends or to see with their own eyes some of the internal workings of this institution. Others made a tour of the grounds and during the whole

afternoon the Home and grounds presented an animated appearance. Toward 6 o'clock the return trip to Syracuse was begun, and in special cars the party left Utica on their homeward journey. It was the first annual visitation of this lodge and from their reception here and the keen enjoyment with which they saw many of the details of the life at the Home, it is certain that their visits have not been ended.

1910, May 22. Eleven times has Oriental Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., made an annual visit to the Masonic Home, but on no previous occasion were the exercises which were held, quite so much enjoyed as those of yesterday afternoon. Such was the testimony of an officer of the lodge, and it was concurred in by the rank and file. There were two reasons for this; first because of the delightful musical program furnished by the children of the Home, and second, the fact that with the lodge this year went the wives and daughters and other ladies of the families of its members, a feature which was appreciated both by Oriental and by the people at the Home.

Three cars filled to capacity was required to transport the party to the Home. The blue lodge flag and the Star Spangled Banner had been flung to the breeze on the broad grounds of the Home and the picture was an attractive one as the Utica Masons viewed it on their arrival. The exercises were held in the gymnasium, the capacity of which is considerably greater than that of the chapel, but which even at that proved hardly equal to the demands upon it. The platform on which the exercises took place, presented a very beautiful appearance with its floral adornments, and a handsome arrangement of flags.

The services opened with the processional rendered by a choir consisting of the children of the Home, who appeared very attractive as they entered the room singing "Ancient of Days." Henry Lancaster, chaplain of Oriental Lodge, offered prayer. "When the Morning Dawneth" was sung by the children, their voices being heard with fine effect.

Superintendent William J. Wiley cordially welcomed the lodge and the ladies and children to the Home and said: "I understand that it was Oriental Lodge that originated the excellent custom of making an annual visitation to the Home, now followed by the different lodges of this jurisdiction. Such visits

do us good and I am vain enough to say that I believe your coming here will do you good. These brethren are part and parcel of this great Home and on them we lean for maintenance and support. It is certainly a beautiful custom which your lodge originated, and I hope you will keep it up."

Supt. Wiley mentioned the fact that Saturday was the 19th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Home. At the conclusion of his remarks the platform was occupied by the orchestra, which is drawn from the children of the institution, and they rendered a festal march in a manner which brought forth enthusiastic applause. Other musical selections which followed were "Pilgrim's Chorus," a song by the children; "Sicilian Chimes," orchestra; piano solo, "Recollections of Home," Miss Isabelle Wiley; song, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," children; orchestra. "Meditation"; cello solo, Ruth Mathews; cornet duet, Mabel Mathews and Henry Blass; orchestra "In Roseland"; cornet and flute duet, Merle Greene and Fred Lanz. Every one of the numbers was a treat.

Charles H. Ballou, Master of Oriental Lodge, made a brief address, in which he said: "Eleven years ago we inaugurated the custom of visiting the Home. At that time we furnished the entertainment. Now we could not compete with the entertainment which we are receiving. Never has the entertainment equaled in any respect that which we have received to-day. I want to say to you, if you do not already know it, that under former administrations the children did not have one-half the advantages which they now have. What you have heard to-day is due to the efforts of Supt. Wiley and to his wife and daughter. It has been made possible by the donations given him by the lodges in behalf of the children. We have brought you to-day something dearer than money, our mothers, wives and sweethearts, and we have also brought this little piece of paper which when you have put you name on the back of it Brother Wiley, will be worth \$50 and which is for the benefit of these children.

In conclusion, Mr. Ballou spoke a few words to the older people at the Home, saying he hoped their declining years would be the sweetest of their lives. He also complimented the condition of the institution.

Supt. Wiley thanked the lodge for its gift, and said he would lose no time in putting his name on it.

It was donations of that character by the lodges and the savings from the Christmas gifts which made it possible to educate the children not only in music, but in bookkeeping, stenography and other studies outside of the common branches.

Rev. John R. Harding, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, in beginning an address, said he brought the greetings of the rank and file of Oriental Lodge. He said: "I am sure the Masonic fraternity of the state has every reason to be proud of this Home. I am sure we can look over the Nation and find no institution of similar kind superior to it. It is not an institution but a home, a big home house. I am sure that every one who lives here feels that way about it. And I am sure of another thing, that if we had looked the whole state over, as of course, we did, we could not have secured better officials for it. I have been coming here 15 years, and I can say that we are now in the hey-day of the prosperity of the institution. I think emphasis should be placed on what is being done here with the children. The children were here when Brother and Mrs. Wiley came, but they were in a very different atmosphere. Their training had not reached that ideality it has to-day. There is a danger in institutions of children being institutionalized. I believe Brother Wiley and his wife have so managed as to escape that danger. These children are not reminded that they are bereft of parents. This is a beautiful high school or boarding school. Under the magnificent gifts of this Masonic order, the superintendent is able to make a home for them. Dr. Harding spoke also in regard to the Masonic fraternity, which he characterized not as a church or a sect, but as a brotherhood, a brotherhood because its members believed in the fatherhood of God.

The orchestra rendered "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "The Star Spangled Banner," the audience rising, as the recessional, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung. The final song of the afternoon, which was one of the features most enjoyed, was "Home, Sweet Home," by Miss Katherine Vetere, the chorus from a distance joining in the refrain.

At the conclusion of the exercises, the visitors were shown through the building, and many comments of approval were heard on what was observed by them.

1910, June 5. The Masonic Home was visited yesterday by a party of about 125 men and women from Canajoharie, who represented Hamilton Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 79, of that place. They had special cars attached to the 11.16 o'clock train over the Central and reached the Home about 2 o'clock. There they were welcomed by Supt. William J. Wiley and soon the party gathered in the chapel, where a short musical program was given by the children. This included the choruses "When the Morning Dawneth," "The Pilgrim's Chorus," "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and for the last number, "Home, Sweet Home." As is usually the case, the children were heard with much pleasure and the visitors were much impressed by their singing. Bro. L. T. Hallett also sang a solo, "Promise of Life."

Supt. Wiley presided and after a short address of welcome he introduced George H. Tilton, the Master of Hamilton Lodge. Mr. Tilton spoke of the pleasure of the visitors at being able to attend and complimented the officers of the Home on the apparent contentment of everyone there. Particular attention was paid to the fine showing of the children and they were made the subjects of many congratulatory remarks.

During this meeting a presentation was made of a check for \$25, which the lodge brought on the trip, and \$36.85 collected there, the total, \$61.85, being turned over to the superintendent for the children's fund. Supt. Wiley responded suitably after receiving the gift. Worshipful Bros. A. C. Bullock and W. A. Gage also spoke briefly of their visit to the Home.

Following the meeting, the whole party scattered for a tour of the Home, the inspection taking them all through the beautiful place. For many it was their first visit and the comfortable and complete equipment were a pleasant relation to them. The party left at about 6 o'clock for the return to Canajoharie.

The committee in charge of the visitation was composed of John S. Hatter, H. V. Bush and F. M. Goertner.

1910, June 9. Syracuse Lodge #501, celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with a banquet held in the State Armory. More than seven hundred Masons were in attendance and the gathering was the largest of Masons ever held in Syracuse. Over the table of honor, at which were seated, Past Grand Master, S. Nelson Sawyer,

R. W. Charles Smith, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. William H. Miller, Grand Treasurer; and R. W. William S. Farmer, Junior Grand Warden; was placed a large incandescent electric light with the words, "Welcome to the Children of the Home."

Before the banquet was served, there came a surprise to the hundreds of guests as sixty boys and girls of the Home, dressed in surplices and caps, marched down the center aisle, singing a processional. The larger girls carried baskets of boutonnieres, which they distributed among the guests. The Children sang in chorus a number of songs and several solos were rendered, and then, retired from the room in recessional, singing the beautiful hymn, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

The arrangements for the visitation of the Children were made by Brother Charles Blasdel, who furnished a special car over the Oneida Railway and also, a supper for the Children at the Masonic Temple in Syracuse.

The impression made by the Children was a deep and lasting one, and the Master of the Lodge, W. Horace G. Stone, in a speech remarked, "Brethren, our Children are in good hands and we can be truly thankful to God that they are receiving a noble Christian training.

1910, June 26. M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master, made his official visit to the Home. The following description from the Utica Observer of June 27th, will give in detail the doings of the day.

Yesterday was Children's Day at the Masonic Home. The Grand Master of the State of New York, accompanied by members of his official staff, paid a visit to the Home for the purpose of assisting in the observance of the day, and with them came Masons from a dozen cities and a score or more of towns, making the occasion one upon which they could inspect the Home and the premises and view with their own eyes the work that is there being carried on.

The chapel would not seat all who were present, and the corridors and parlors were filled with the visitors—many of them far beyond the point at which the words of the speakers could be heard, but not so far away that they did not catch the songs of the children and the musical selections that they played. The entrance was at 10 o'clock, when the magnificent

vested choir marched in singing a processional in which the clear sweet voices of the boys and girls blended with beautiful effect. As they sang, the ranks opened, and the Grand Officers marched through to the platform. They were Grand Master Robert Judson Kenworthy of Brooklyn, Past Grand Master Samuel Nelson Sawyer of Palmyra, Grand Chaplain William E. Stevens of New York, Past Grand Master William Sherer of New York, Past Grand Master John W. Vrooman of Herkimer, Hon. Frank E. Haff of New York, president of the Board of Trustees of the Home.

Seated in the chapel or mingling with those about the corridors were other Grand Lodge Officers, including a number of District Deputies. Distinguished Masons were present from New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Rochester, Oswego, Watertown, Binghamton, Syracuse, Schenectady, Troy, Albany, Tonawanda, Lockport, as well as from all the towns and villages in this vicinity and from distant sections of the State. It was a distinguished company.

President Haff presided, and in the brief remarks he made in opening the exercises, he said that it was distinctively a children's day, and, being such, the addresses would be brief and the programme would largely be one in which the children had part. He spoke of the conditions at the Home, saying that they were never better, and that they were never more promising for the future. He spoke of Superintendent W. J. Wiley and Mrs. Wiley and the wonderful work they are doing—a work that is self-evident and of which every Mason in the State is proud, for the Home is becoming an institution that is attracting attention all over the country.

Most Worshipful Robert Judson Kenworthy, the Grand Master, was introduced. He did not speak more than 10 minutes, yet he said very much in that time. Reviewing with a word the projects of the past year that will be realized during the coming year, he passed on to the children, and in a few simple, plain words thanked them for the blessing that their presence at the session of the Grand Lodge a few weeks ago had bestowed upon the entire craft. He told them how they had stimulated interest in the Home, and how the men who were present carried to their homes the story of their visit. Then he asked them what of the future? They were daily coming

nearer to manhood and womanhood, and he wanted them to live so that their papas and mammas all over the State would be proud of them. They must be shining examples of what the Home could do. The Grand Master then told the children that in another week he would be on the ocean, but that he would take with him memory of them, and that he would be cheered with the songs which they sang so beautifully and would think of them as he visited the countries abroad which he hoped they might all at some time visit.

The other speakers were Past Grand Master William Sherer, one of the landmarks in Masonry, manager of the New York Clearing House, and one who always enjoys a visit to the Home. He told the children that if he were to select a motto for their school, he would not chose a Latin word, as he knew only one language. He would take the plain, simple word "Truth." It was better to possess it than to have riches; it was the foundation of character; it was the thing that commanded respect everywhere.

Grand Chaplain William E. Stevens referred to the fact that the Bible is largely a record of the doings of little children. He told the children that the Masons had mortgaged their love to them, and that "when we come here other things seem to pass away; the worries of life vanish under the beautiful influence of childhood. I rejoice that God has implanted a love for children in the human heart, for it makes humanity the better."

Past Grand Master, John W. Vrooman, who was the head of the Masonic Order in the State when the corner stone of the Home was laid, said that he had been present at every visitation made by the Grand Lodge to that chapel, and he couldn't help feeling a bit sad as he thought that this would be the last service of its kind in that room. However, he rejoiced in the knowledge that they would soon have a new chapel, large enough for their needs and in keeping with the Home itself. He pointed out that the children before him were the wards of 165,000 men, and he urged them to conduct themselves in a manner that would reflect credit upon the order. He said that he was anxious to have at least one of the boys enter West Point Military Academy. He wanted another to enter the United States Naval Academy, and he desired that another should be a minister of the



gospel. "Be upright and honest; do not soil the faith we have in you."

R. W. John G. Snyder of New York presented to the Home on behalf of the Past Masters' Club of the Second Masonic District, a fine portrait of Past Grand Master Samuel Nelson Sawyer of Palmyra, which was accepted by Grand Master Kenworthy. Both speakers paid a glowing tribute to Judge Sawyer. The picture will be hung on the wall of the new chapel. Owing to physical indisposition Judge Sawyer did not speak.

Interspersed with the addresses were musical numbers. Sometimes it was a song by the children, or a number in which their fine orchestra took part, or instrumental selections in which members of the orchestra made individual appearance. Miss Ventura Isabel Wiley to whose instruction the craft is indebted for the training of the choir and the teaching of the orchestra, presided at the organ or the piano, and her young pupils gave her no anxiety, for she knew that they would do just what she expected of them, and do it well. At the conclusion of the service, the children marched from the chapel singing "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again." This was the recessional that swept the Grand Lodge into tears a few weeks ago, and yesterday large numbers of the brethren who were not present at the Grand Lodge meeting heard, the beautiful hymn with the same effect.

The Grand Master was accompanied by R. W. Charles Smith, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Thomas Penney, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. William S. Farmer, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. William H. Miller, Grand Treasurer; R. W. William E. Stevens, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Jacob C. Klinck, Grand Marshal; R. W. Robert A. Stewart, Grand Standard Bearer; R. W. Adolph Kauder, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Isaac Steffel, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Moses B. Schmidt, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Edwin A. Clark, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Samuel G. Nichols, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. George G. Street, Grand Steward; R. W. Charles L. Banks, Grand Steward; R. W. Myron D. Jewell, Grand Steward; R. W. Edward D. Peters, Grand Steward; R. W. Arthur M. Suor, Grand Steward; R. W. V. A. Hammel, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. Henry Schwack, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. Walter E. Link, Grand

Director of Ceremonies; R. W. William H. Sleeper, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. William Karle, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. Charles D. MacBride, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. James McCourt, Senior Grand Deacon; R. W. Albert G. Wilson, Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. Abel Crook, Judge Advocate; R. W. Elmer B. Silver; Grand Librarian; R. W. Edwin A. Quick, Grand Historian; R. W. Joseph McElroy, Jr., Grand Tyler; R. W. Oscar F. Lane, Custodian of the Work; R. W. Elias Haffa, Custodian of the Work; R. W. George Freilfeld, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. Louis E. Bomelsier, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. George S. Tinklepaugh, Commissioner of Appeals; R. W. Walter F. Gibson, Committee of Antiquity; R. W. John G. Snyder, Committee of Antiquity; R. W. Edward M. Fethers, Committee of Grievances; R. W. Desmond O. Everhard, Committee of Grievances; R. W. James S. Lawson, Committee of Grievances; R. W. George Cromwell, Committee of Constitution; R. W. John G. Wallenmeier, Committee of Audit; R. W. Fred. G. Lemmermann, Committee of Deceased Brethren; R. W. William J. Mathews, Committee of Deceased Brethren; R. W. George C. Markell, Grand Representative; R. W. William Gillmore, Grand Representative; R. W. Charles Duncan, Grand Representative; R. W. Louis Davis, Grand Representative; R. W. H. C. Strahmann, Grand Representative; R. W. Thos. W. Taylor, Grand Representative.

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1910, June 26. The Home was visited by the Hall and Asylum Fund Committee and thoroughly inspected. The Committee consisted of M. W. William Sherer, M. W. S. Nelson Sawyer, R. W. John Lloyd Thomas, R. W. J. Hungerford Smith, R. W. George J. Jackson, R. W. Charles H. Armatage, R. W. Arthur Warren and R. W. Henry Schaefer.

1910, June 28. Western Star Lodge, No. 15, of Bridgewater made its first visit to the Masonic Home, arriving at 2 o'clock. There were present about 75 members and many of them were accompanied by their wives and relatives.

The exercises were opened in the chapel by preludes on the organ by Miss Veturia J. Wiley, followed by the entrance of the children in processional form, singing "Ancient of Days." They remained standing in two lines through which W. M. William Beal and the other officials passed to the platform. After the doxology and invocation Brother William J. Wiley made an address of welcome. He said that the visits of the lodges had heretofore been made on Sundays. When, however, it was not convenient for them to come on Sundays they could fix the time at their convenience. He invited his guests to go at the close of the entertainment to any department or room of the Home they desired to see and then to pass out from the lawns to the farm house where they would find many points of interest.

After the programme the guests visited the foundation of the new chapel, also a new summer pavilion which is being constructed near the hospital for the enjoyment of the invalids. Its dimensions are 50 x 20 feet. It will be enclosed by wire netting and furnished with electric lights. On the lake a staunch

skiff has been launched for the use of the pupils during vacation. In the interior of the Home a new point of interest was presented in the display of needlework done by the girls.

The specimens exhibited were creditable and noteworthy. There was a hat nicely trimmed by two girls, 12 years old; sofa cushions and darning bags by girls of 5 to 7 years. Two of the pupils who were left-handed, made with their right hands embroidered center pieces. The work of the first year was done generally on dolls' outfits, on darning, button-holing and patching. The final achievements were dresses, tucked and flounced; also sailor suits. One of the best dresses had been made by a pupil and worn as her graduatin dress. The programme:

Orchestra....."Sicilian Chimes" (Kerry Mills).  
 Cornet duet....."Sparks,"  
     Henry J. Blass, Mabel Mathews.  
 Children's chorus....."Go in Peace."  
 Orchestra selection...."Delicia" (Henry Frantzen).  
 Trio, violin, cello and piano.."By the River," Ruth  
     A. Mathews, Katherine Vetere, Veturia Wiley.  
 Cornet quartette....."Blaze of Glory."  
 Mabel Mathews, Merle A. Greene, Henry Blass, Clif-  
     ford Young.  
 Children's song, "But When the Morning Dawneth."  
 Recessional....."God Be With You."

- 1910, June 29. The Home Chapel, which had been in use since the inception of the Home and which had grown entirely too small to accommodate our large family, was abandoned and the room used for a beautiful Library and Study Room, a description of which is contained in this Report.
- 1910, July 4. "The Fourth of July" was observed at the Home very quietly without any display of fireworks and the children spent the day on the athletic field.
- 1910, August 5. The third annual picnic of the Veteran Association of the Masonic Home (postponed Thursday on account of the weather), was held yesterday. The veterans assembled in the grove at 2:30 p. m., the aged and the infirm ones being carried in the omnibus. There were some who, through the kindness of their associates, were conveyed in wheeled chairs. The members who were not able to go out were

accommodated with luncheon in the dining room of the main building.

The grove had been suitably prepared for the occasion, and nothing was wanting for the comfort of the participants of the festivities. Although the variable weather had diminished the number of guests, it was the general opinion that the occasion was not lessened in enjoyment to those previously given.

After an ample repast enlivened by music from the graphophone, aided by the violin and harp, a brief address was given by Brother W. N. Thoms, St. Cecile Lodge, in which he rendered due tribute to the kindly spirit which had prompted these annual entertainments under the auspices of the Veteran Association and had then extended them to all the members of the Home; also to the substantial aid which had been contributed by Brother Wiley and his wife. Then followed more music from the graphophone which, under the skillful management of Brothers Carlier and McKeever, inspired the veterans with memories of other days and elicited outbursts of applause and merriment.

There are sixty members of the Veteran Association. Their ranks have been depleted by five deaths since the last gathering. The present officers, elected June, 1910, are: President, Albert W. Pratt, Tecumseh, 487; Vice President, George F. Higgins, Polar Star, 245; Secretary, William H. Jutsum, Corner Stone 367; Treasurer, Henry C. Shadbolt, Jephtha, 494.

1910, September 4. At the Masonic Home there was made yesterday afternoon the third annual visit of these lodges of the twenty-sixth Masonic district: Boonville Lodge No. 165, of Boonville; Remsen Lodge, 677, Barneveld; Uriel Lodge, 809, Forestport; of the twenty-fourth district, Port Leyden Lodge, No. 669.

The guests, to the number of 160, assembled at 2:30 p. m. in the Home's gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated with drapery and flowers. There were also present a large number of women, relatives of the visitors, and several graduates of the Home, who had been enjoying a week's vacation at the place.

The exercises commenced with the entrance of

the children singing the processional hymn, "Go in Peace;" then followed an invocation by the Rev. E. H. Scott of Rome. Brother William J. Wiley made the welcoming address, in the course of which he said that this opening fall visit would be followed by a series of them during the year. He was "especially pleased with the presence of the women visitors, as being beneficial to the children under his charge. At the close of the exercises they could inspect any part of the Home they desired, and could not fail to be proud of the work being done. The wives and mothers, after witnessing the facilities afforded for the education of the children, would probably never again demur at their husbands and fathers spending the evenings late at their lodges, for it was through these many active organizations that the plans laid out by the Grand Lodge officials were developed."

Past Master W. Eugene L. Hinckley followed with many interesting reminiscences of Remsen Lodge with which he was formerly connected, being one of its first members. He said that he was one of the delegates present at the Grand Lodge during the consideration of the formation of the Masonic Home, and had always been devoted to the cause of founding a retreat for the aged members of the fraternity and the orphans; also that he had visited the Home frequently, had watched its growth and was full of wonder and admiration at the results which had been attained. In his opinion the order of Free Masonry was growing stronger every year, achieving results once deemed impossible. The speaker concluded with an earnest exhortation to the children to be preparing themselves for lines of usefulness worthy of the fraternity which was so munificently educating them.

The Rev. E. H. Scott of Rome, formerly a member of Remsen, made the closing address, in which he described in detail the construction of Solomon's temple and of the subsequent structure. He also gave some interesting details of the operations of Hiram of Tyre.

After the addresses, this musical programme was presented: Orchestra selection, "Sicilian Chimes," children's chorus, "Ancient of Days;" piano, violin, cello, "By the River," Veturia Wiley, Katherine

Vetere, Ruth Mathews; orchestra selection, "Our Navy is the Best in the World;" chorus, "Abide With Me;" piano solo, "Recollection of Home," Veturia Wiley; chorus, "Sadly Bend the Flowers;" orchestra selection, "Delicia;" cello selection, "Melodie," Ruth Mathews; orchestra selection, "Cupid's Garden;" solo (vocal), "Home, Sweet Home," Katherine Vetere; piano accompanist, Veturia Wiley; recessional, "God Be With You."

1910, September 5. The Home was visited by the Hall and Asylum Fund Committee and thoroughly inspected. The Committee consisted of M. W. William Sherer, R. W. J. Hungerford Smith, R. W. Arthur Warren, R. W. Henry Schaefer, R. W. John Lloyd Thomas, R. W. William J. Maxwell.

1910, September 18. Last Sunday afternoon the members of Sanger Lodge No. 129 of Waterville made their first visit to the Masonic Home at Utica. Notwithstanding the very unpleasant weather there were present over sixty members, many of whom were accompanied by their wives and relatives. The exercises were conducted in the gymnasium, which was decorated for the occasion and prepared with suitable seats. It may be remarked incidentally that after the children and guests were seated there was little room for the older members. Those of the most feeble of them who had ventured down were with difficulty accommodated with seats in the room.

The exercises commenced at 1.30. The infants of the Home first entered, with Mrs. Wiley, then the older children followed, singing a processional hymn. The invocation was offered by Bro. William B. Suters of Sanger Lodge. Superintendent William J. Wiley gave an address of welcome, saying that his remarks would be necessarily brief as the visitors' stay would be restricted by the railroad's schedule. He gave special welcome to the women present, the wives and mothers, whose coming made the occasion seem more auspicious to the little ones. He believed that the chief good to the Home would be accomplished through the children, and he wanted the visitors to see what the children could do, and after they had presented their musical program the guests could go through any part of the building that they were interested in.



Bro. John B. Jones of Utica, Past Master of Sanger Lodge, recalled the thrilling interest which had been caused by the Superintendent's appearance with his wards at the Grand Lodge last May, and which has flowed like a wave through all the Lodges of the State. He paid an earnest tribute to the work daily effected by Superintendent Wiley and his family.

A few remarks were made by Bro. Edward G. Randall, Master of Sanger Lodge. Then Bro. Wiley, in conclusion, invited the Lodge to make a visit annually, and oftener if possible. The new Chapel was in process of erection for the ample accommodation of visitors and of all the members both old and young, and when completed would be an honor to the Masonic fraternity.

A very pleasing musical program was presented, consisting of orchestral selections, songs by the children, solos and duets on cornet, 'cello and violin. A vocal solo was, at the request of Bro. Jones, given, "Home, Sweet Home," by Katherine Vetere; piano accompanist, Veturia Wiley. The children passed out singing the recessional, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

1910, November 13. Bad weather had little effect on the visitation of the Masonic Home yesterday by the men and women connected with Masonic Lodges in and about Ilion. Ilion Lodge, No. 591, and Mohawk Valley Lodge, No. 276, of Mohawk were represented in the big delegation which came to Utica in two special cars. By far the larger proportion of the visitors, however, were from the Ilion Lodge. Their afternoon at the Home was a very pleasant one, for they were entertained by a splendid musical program in which the children of the Home did themselves and their instructors great credit by the excellence of their various performances.

The program began about 3 o'clock when the whole company assembled in the end of the dining room, which is used for that purpose until the new chapel is completed. The children entered singing as a processional "Go in Peace," and then Burdette Johnson of Ilion asked a blessing. Supt. William J. Wiley in a very appropriate speech bade the visitors welcome and outlined briefly what the Home seeks to do. He emphasized the fact that it is such visitations which help make the work of the Home valuable, and

assured the visitors that they were free to go anywhere and see all that they could of the Home and its management.

Floyd A. Clayton, Master of Ilion Lodge, No. 591, responded to this welcome fittingly, and told how much the people of Ilion have enjoyed these visitations, of which yesterday's was the third. He spoke of the opportunities offered the children in the Home, and congratulated them on the splendid manner in which they had improved their opportunities.

But it was not an afternoon of speech-making by any means. Speeches can be heard almost any time, but it is not often that a chance is given to hear youngsters sing and play as do those at the Home. They have a very well trained orchestra, and among the selections which were heard with much pleasure were, "Our Navy," "Sicilian Chimes" and "Minerva." Katherine Vetere and Ruth Mathews also played a violin and cello duet which was greatly enjoyed. The children's singing was splendid and showed how much effort has been put forth in perfecting this branch of their instruction. A chorus, "I Waited For the Lord," and another, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love," were well done and pleased the visitors very much. A quartet, composed of Messrs. Bishton, Roberts, Gettman and Clarke, from the Ilion Lodge, sang several numbers in splendid fashion.

After the children had sung several songs, Brother Clayton presented Supt. Wiley a purse of \$25, saying that it was for the children, to be used as he saw fit. Mr. Wiley gave a short talk showing how much these gifts are appreciated and how they are used to help the education of the children along musical lines, for which no other provision is made. He thanked the visitors heartily for the expression of their good will and interest in the Home and its work. At the conclusion of the program the visitors scattered through the Home, and left about 5.15 for the return trip down the valley in special cars.

1910, November 21. The Masonic Home held the largest gathering ever present at a visit of a lodge yesterday afternoon, when Utica Lodge, No. 47, F. & A. M., paid its annual to that institution. Shortly before 2 o'clock the members of the lodge assembled in the Masonic Temple and 250 strong marched to the Busy Corner, where special cars were in waiting to bear them to

the Home. At the Home friends of the members and inmates of the institution swelled the number to over 600, and when Charles T. Evans, master of Utica Lodge, who presided at the exercises, called the assemblage to order the huge dining room was comfortably filled. In other years the two lodges of this city have made their visits together, but this year it was decided that each should make one alone. The crowd yesterday afternoon was much larger than any joint visit ever conducted from this city.

Just before the formal exercises were begun a choir of 100 children, inmates of the Home, slowly entered singing the hymn "Go in Peace." The assemblage rose to its feet as the children filed down the aisle and remained standing until the conclusion of the hymn. The little ones, who occupied front seats in the hall, lent a spirit to the occasion which at once was felt by the entire congregation. Flags draped across the wall at the end of the room where the speakers sat gave a patriotic significance to the exercises.

Grace was said by Rev. C. H. Fitzwilliam after which the children sang "O Holy Savior." In behalf of Utica Lodge Charles T. Evans, who presided, offered hearty greetings to William J. Wiley, superintendent of the Home. Responding, Supt. Wiley expressed his appreciation of the presence of the lodge and his belief that the magnificent gathering would go down in the annals of the Home.

After an orchestra composed of the children of the Home had rendered the "Sicilian Chimes" Mr. Evans introduced City Controller Fred G. Reusswig as the speaker of the day. Mr. Reusswig said in part:

"No doubt you have sometimes been asked, perhaps you have even asked yourselves, what good Masonry accomplishes; what personal benefit you derive from membership therein and what humanity the world at large gains by reason of the existence of our order. You and I know that Free Masonry is a school of decorum which teaches the cardinal virtues of true living; that it is a temple of virtue wherein is revealed the light that shines from the throne of the omnipotent. At once a philosophy and a religion, its teachings are designed to purify the heart, elevate the mind and develop the doctrine of

immortality. Brotherly love is the pillar of strength upon which we lean as one family in fraternal affection. It is sometimes charged that Masonic benevolence is too exclusive; that it is bestowed upon our own members in preference to strangers. We will not deny that our hearts feel more deeply for the destitution of a brother than for a stranger; this is the dictate of human nature and has the sanction of Scripture. It is a principle recognized by governments, communities and churches. It is for this reason that man seeks communion with man; that the weakness of the individual may be compensated by the strength of the association.

"But it is not true that our charity is limited. A Masonic teaching urges me to be charitable to all mankind. Can an institution founded upon such principles and devoted to such purposes carry on its work year after year without benefiting mankind? The Mason is a builder of character and of material things. In every land may be found the fruits of his industry and skill. Less than 100 years ago men built a monument in the western part of this state and wrote thereon, against the name of Mason, the charge of murder. Here in this placid Mohawk vale stands our answer to the charge. From the ample corridors of this magnificent home the cheering voices of hopeful youth greet the morning sun and the benediction of the aged are borne upon the wings of the evening wind. Offering these in evidence we ask the world to judge whether Masonry be for good or ill."

Rev. C. H. Fitzwilliam, chaplain of the lodge, was the next speaker. He depicted charity as exemplified by Masonry. "If I were asked," said he, "why, as a minister of the gospel I am a Mason, I would reply by asking that my interrogator be shown this Home." He said that the characteristics of Masonry were wisdom, character and beauty. He stated that he would not accept a call to any church in the United States which should quibble as to his being a Mason.

The next address was delivered by Dr. E. A. Gayde, who particularly addressed the children, urging them to formulate such habits as would prove for their own betterment. He exhorted them not to be careless, lazy or neglectful, but to perform their

daily tasks promptly and efficiently. This concluded the formal speechmaking.

The speeches were interspersed with selections by the orchestra and songs by all the children. The Misses Katherine Vetere and Ruth Matthews delighted the audience with a duet, "By the River," violin and 'cello.

Charles T. Evans, in behalf of the lodge, presented Supt. Wiley with a check for \$25 to be used in buying Christmas presents for the little ones. Supt. Wiley expressed his appreciation, and said that the gift would mean a great deal of happiness to the children at Christmastide.

With a hundred little voices choiring forth the benediction "God Be With You," the children slowly filed from the room and the exercises were brought to a close.

The members of the lodge and their friends then visited the different rooms and departments of the building.

1910, November 24. The following account regarding Thanksgiving Day at the Home was taken from the Masonic Standard of November 26th:

One of the most attractive and interesting apartments in the great Masonic Home at Utica is the children's dining room. It is the children's own special domain, shut apart from the main dining hall of the older members by sliding doors, whose translucent panes admit additional brightness. Spacious windows at the sides frame floating clouds which glitter with the sunshine of early dawn or glow with the evening's ruddy sunset.

Few better kept dining rooms than this can be seen anywhere. It is always maintained in decorated state. Chinese balloons, Japanese lanterns and floral bells swing from wire stretched in geometric lines across the ceiling. Electric lights gleam in bulbs of varied tints. The national colors drape the casings of windows and doors.

There are a dozen tables, each with eight covers, and provided with suitable napery which contrasts pleasingly with the blue-patterned chinaware. High chairs at one end of the room indicate the infants' corner. These chairs have bars on which the toddlers' feet may rest. Mere trifles are these—scarce

worth mentioning—yet the babies' belongings recall life's second landmark, the first being the cradle. These infants are the pets of the older children, who vie with each other in lavishing on them kind greetings and glances.

The tables on Thursday last looked brighter than usual, because they were set with the Thanksgiving feast of turkey, celery and other sumptuous accessories. A joyous light sparkled in the faces of the children and gleeful laughter sounded from their lips. Even the babes grasped their tiny cups with chubby fists and banged on their tin trays till they rattled.

During the festive hour an orchestra, stationed in the large dining room, gave a series of pleasing selections, and in the afternoon continued playing in the parlors. Here the children, in white gowns and gaily tinted sashes, flocked and gazed shyly at the assembled company. Soon, emboldened by the strains of music, they capered about, sang snatches of song, and there ensued one of the most delightful seasons which is formed by the mingling of old people with the young. The older members found surcease of sorrow in looking back to former days when, with their own babies in their arms, they enjoyed many successive, tranquil Thanksgiving feasts. The children nestled up to their elders, visions of departed parents irradiating their bird-like hearts.

At last a visitor came—the mythical sand man. Under his gaze the babies grew drowsy. With a good-night salute to Superintendent Wiley and his wife, they hied to bed, and there had pleasant dreams in which were woven bright hopes for the coming Christmas.

1910, November 28. Members of the Masonic fraternity throughout the entire state of New York have lately come to regard the Home in this city as the Mecca of that time honored craft. In an address of welcome to Faxon Lodge, No. 697, F. & A. M., which made its annual visitation to the Home yesterday afternoon, Supt. William J. Wiley made the interesting announcement that about 13,000 Masons have visited the Home since the last session of the Grand Lodge. It was not so long ago, he said, that 500 visitors for a whole year was considered a large number. As there are about

160,000 Masons in New York State, it will be seen that during the few months which have elapsed since the last Grand Lodge session, an average of about one out of every 12 have visited the Home. The benefits accruing to Utica from such a large number of visitors are easily discernable.

There were more than 400 in attendance at the visitation exercises, which were held at the Home yesterday, under the auspices of Faxton Lodge. Master William A. Semple presided and made the presentation of the lodge's donation to the children's Christmas fund, which was thankfully received by Supt. Wiley. Prayer was offered by the chaplain of the lodge, Robert H. Canfield, after which all present united in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. An unusually fine musical program was given by the children's choir and orchestra of the Home. Miss Veturia Wiley acted as accompanist. At the conclusion of the exercises the visitors made an inspection of the institution.

In a brief address, Worshipful Master Semple expressed his pleasure on account of the rapid progress being made by the Home, which he declared was an institution to which not only Masons but every loyal citizen of Utica pointed with pride. He told what an inspiring spectacle was presented when the children of the Home gave their memorable entertainment before the last session of the Grand Lodge and pointed out the great interest it created among the members of the Order in regard to the Home. He paid a glowing tribute to Supt. Wiley.

In responding to Master Semple's speech, Supt. Wiley told what a great task it was to arrange to take the children to the last Grand Lodge. He contended, however, that the results of that enterprise had amply repaid them for all the work entailed, for since then between 12,000 and 13,000 had visited the Home from all parts of the state. A few years ago 500 visitors a year, he said, was considered a large number, showing the increased interest being manifested on the part of the members of the Order throughout the state. He stated that every lodge that has visited the Home this year for the first time had since decided to make annual visitations in the future.

It did not take John P. Gomph long to win the hearts of the children. After promising to provide

them a picture show before long, he proceeded to give them some practical illustrations of how to lay the foundation of an honored and useful life, which he said that all should strive to attain. He showed that it was just as impossible to build a successful life upon a bad character as it would be to erect a 10-story building on a two-story foundation. Taking a watch from his pocket he showed how much the time piece resembled a boy or girl. He pointed out that the watch had a face, hands and heart (main spring) like a human being and they should not be soiled.

Ald. A. M. Dickinson compared the Masonic fraternity to one big family, and he declared that it was a good thing to hold a reunion once a year. After speaking a few words of encouragement to the elderly men and women in the Home he turned his attention to the children. He requested all those who attend the Utica Free Academy to stand up. When his request had been complied with he pointed to these boys and girls and stated that Saturday he had been informed by one who was in a position to know that the children from the Home were the best behaved pupils in the Academy. At one time he taught a district school and he depicted in a humorous manner the difficulties the scholars had to withstand compared with the boys and girls in the Home.

Until he became a Mason about a year ago, Mr. Dickinson said that he supposed that there was some dark secret locked in the breasts of the members of the Order. From the time of King Solomon down to the present day, he said, no one had dared to reveal the secrets of Masonry. But he said that he was going to expose the whole thing from beginning to end. In order to do this he declared it was not necessary to tell what the goat is fed on. His "exposure" consisted in declaring that the secret of Masonry was —L-O-V-E—which he spelled out slowly. In conclusion he stated that Masonry holds the key to happiness; that a man could not be a genuine Mason and a bad citizen.

Jesse S. Bird, a local manufacturer, spoke to the children on some of the essentials of achieving success in the business world. He declared that the moral tone of the business world was in proving and that it is necessary for a man or woman to have good habits and be energetic and faithful in order to forge to the front. Never were there so many opportun-



ities for the boy or girl to attain success as at present, he said, he urged the children of the Home to prepare themselves to take advantage of these opportunities when they go out into the world to fight the battle of life. He claimed that neatness in one's personal appearance was a necessary factor to accomplish this result. He told of how he once refused to employ a young woman because her shirt waist was torn and dirt was lodged under finger nails. These things showed that the girl was careless, he averred, and such a person would not make a good employe.

1910, December 12. That the Masonic Home in this city is a great and increasing source of inspiration to the members of that fraternity throughout the state, as well as a potential instrumentality for the accomplishment of good works, was again demonstrated yesterday afternoon. While in attendance at the last session of the Grand Lodge, several members of St. Paul's, No. 124, of Auburn, were greatly impressed with the fine musical entertainment given before that body by the children's choir and orchestra of the Home. Returning to Auburn, Master Frederick S. Johnston declared that it was the duty of Masons to familiarize themselves with the work of the Home and he suggested that St. Paul's Lodge make an annual visitation to this institution. His suggestion was enthusiastically approved, and the pilgrimage took place yesterday.

There were about 75 in the party and the trip was made from Auburn to Utica and return in special trolley cars. Among the fraternal pilgrims was City Recorder, Frank J. Stupp, one of the pioneers in the movement to establish a home in this state and who participated in the dedication of the institution. Exercises were held in the dining room, which was decorated with flowers and the American colors. A donation of \$25 was made to the children's Christmas fund on behalf of St. Paul's Lodge. Brief speeches were made and music was furnished by the children's choir and orchestra, after which the pilgrims made an inspection of the institution. Commendatory expressions concerning the management of the Home were heard on every hand.

A few inspiring remarks were made by Grand Chaplain Horace W. Smith of Port Byron. After briefly but eloquently setting forth the benefits of Masonry, he gave the children some practical advice

He declared that they should strive to become great, but not in a sordid, material sense. By kindness, cheerfulness, economy, industry and good works he told them that they would be able to build up strong characters and their lives would prove a success. In conclusion he commended the spirit that prompted the pilgrimage of St. Paul's Lodge.

Master Frederick S. Johnston of St. Paul's Lodge told how greatly impressed he became with the musical program rendered by the children of the Home at the Grand Lodge. It then occurred to him that the members of the Order should see for themselves the good work being done in this great institution. Suiting the action to the word St. Paul's Lodge decided to make an annual pilgrimage to the Home. He declared that mere words were unable to express the feelings of his heart. After commending the beneficent work being accomplished by the Home, he said that he was glad that he was a Mason.

On behalf of St. Paul's Lodge Frederic Cossum, who was secretary of this lodge for a quarter of a century, presented a purse of \$25 to the children's Christmas fund. After complimenting Grand Chaplain Smith, Mr. Cossum said in part: "Forty years ago when we were talking of building a home, little did we think that some day we would have such an elaborate and beautiful institution. This shows what can be done by faithful persistent effort. Great progress is being made by our noble Order. There was a time when St. Paul's Lodge was pleased if it could produce six new Masons in a year. Our lodge made 41 Masons last year, which we think is a pretty good record. In New York State there are now 165,000 members of our Order. We feel proud of our Order and of this Home. We love you all. But you will pardon us for having a little bit more feeling for the three children who are here from Auburn."

In response to the request of Mr. Cossum the three children from Auburn stood up. Then Mr. Cossum pointed to the children and declared that they were enabled to enjoy the benefits of this great institution because their father was an honest man and Mason. He said that Christmas was drawing near and St. Paul's Lodge was desirous of contributing its mite toward the happiness of the children. Then he handed Supt. W. J. Wiley a purse containing \$25.

In a few words, feelingly expressed, Supt. Wiley

accepted the donation. He stated that every year a Christmas present was given to the children, a separate fund being maintained for that purpose. By making this donation, he assured the members of St. Paul's Lodge that they were doing more good than they knew.

In accordance with the suggestion of Grand Chaplain Smith a rising vote of thanks was given to Supt. Wiley and the children's choir and orchestra for their entertainment.

1910, December 25. The following description of Christmas Day Exercises was copied from the Utica Daily Press of Dec. 26th:

All days are good days at the Masonic Home, but there are some in the calendar which are better than others. But of all the red-letter days, none brings more joy to the inmates of the institution, young and old, than Christmas, the holly-decked program gives the order of exercises, the time table on which they ran, as follows: "Services in the chapel, (dining room) at 10 o'clock a. m.; music in the parlors from one to three o'clock; entertainment by the children in the dining room at 3:30 o'clock; dancing in the children's dining room from eight to 12 p. m.; refreshments served."

These services were probably the last Christmas services that will be held in the Masonic Home building proper. They were formerly held in the chapel and then in the gymnasium, till that proved too small. The chapel has been given up as the children's study room and, while the new chapel is building, the east end of the dining room is used as a chapel and for other similar purposes. Next Christmas the services will be held in the new chapel. Not that there is anything incongruous in holding exercises in a dining room. Some of the happiest and pleasantest events in the world have occurred in dining rooms. But this room is so big a one, nearly 300 feet long, that it was about the only room in the building large enough for the purpose, and taking off one end for chapel leaves plenty of room for dining. Here is where the Four Hundred, of the Masonic Home fraternity of the state made merry yesterday all day. To be accurate, there

are more than 400, the number being 200 men, 107 women and 113 children, to say nothing of the help who are all counted in the family.

The chapel was elaborately decorated yesterday. At the east end there is a capacious stage. The background of this was formed by flags, decorated with bunches of holly and festoons of Christmas bells. The whole length of the dining room there were festoons of evergreen forming a canopy and at the sides there were flags. On the stage and in four places through the hall there were columns, in couples, such as are seen in every Masonic lodge room. These columns were topped with tall cases, filled with scarlet flowers of the poinsetta. From each chandelier depended a Christmas bell. The service yesterday morning was conducted by Rev. Joseph B. Sheppard of the East Utica Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Alexander McDonald. The latter offered prayers and Mr. Sheppard made the address.

It was not a sermon, but a 10-minute address most appropriate to the Christmas time. He spoke interestingly of the emotion stirred and the sentiments which prevail at Christmas time. He referred to the tinge of sadness and yet the joy and satisfaction that come when we remember the Christmas days that have gladdened us all these years. The Christmas time of the present is always one of blessing and to the children it is always full of joy and gladness. The speaker called attention to the fact that the blessing is not so much in the material things we receive at Christmas, as it is what they represent, the thoughtful remembrance, the kindly feeling toward us. They tell us most eloquently and constantly of the love, sympathy and friendship the donors have for us, and that is why we prize them so.

The speaker was attentively listened to and his words found echo in the hearts of all.

The remainder of the service was conducted by Supt. Wiley. It consisted of a distribution of gifts suitable for the adult inmates. Each lady received a package containing a half dozen handkerchiefs marked with her initial, a fancy apron and a pound of candy. Each man who smoked received a meerschauum pipe and those who do not smoke received a warm woolen cardigan jacket. Supt. Wiley read

the inscriptions on the packages and then handed each to one of his wing-heeled Mercurys, the larger boys of the institution, who were at the side of the recipient in a jiffy. And as each received his or her gift, he or she proceeded at once to his or her room to inspect the contents. People who have reached the years of discretion that most of the inmates have, are more apt than children to notice when they are overlooked, and by that same token they are more apt to express their pleasure and gratitude when they are kindly remembered. Their heads may be whitened by the frost of years, but there were no happier hearts in the institution yesterday than those which beat away down deep below the frost line, although their owners were not so hilarious about it.

Soon dinner was served, a regular Christmas dinner with chicken and all the "fixins." All dinners are good dinners at the Masonic Home, but that of yesterday was better than good.

Soon after 3 p. m. the children gathered in the same room and it was noticeable that quite a number of visitors from the Masonic brethern and others of the city were present. Among them were Hon. John W. Vrooman, who, as Grand Master, laid the cornerstone of the institution some years ago; Robert Fraser and Miss Isabelle Fraser, John B. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Browne, who never miss an entertainment at the Home; George L. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith M. Jones and Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams Clarence Trossett, Charles Beck, George H. Fischer, George Wankel, Clarence Stetson and wife, Arthur Lowery and wife, Charles H. Ballou and wife, and others.

The following program was presented: Song by the children, "Christ is Born;" orchestra selection, "Silver Bell;" cornet quartet, Emmet's lullaby, "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton," Miss Mabel Z. Mathews, Masters Henry J. Blass, Howard Clifford Young and Ernest J. Altoeff; piano solo, "Capri Cante," Miss Veturia Isabel Wiley; song by the children, "Under the Mistletoe;" Highland Fling, Misses Margaret J. McNeill, Elsie A. Young, Irene E. Steves, Ruth A. Smith, Ruth K. Carson, Elsie M. Dittwald, Masters Norman N. Phillips, Howard Clifford Young, Ernest

J. Altoeff, Annable W. Vetere, Warren W. Lamb, John Leslie Bagg; orchestra selection, "Minerva;" piano trio, "Grand Gallop Brilliant," Miss Elsie M. Dittwald, Blanch M. Bagg and Marguerite E. Mathews; cornet duet, "Pals," Miss Mabel Z. Mathews, Master Henry J. Blass; song by the little children, "Bedtime at the Zoo;" Dutch dance, Gladys Searle, Edmund Booth; violin quartet, "Dawn of Love," Misses Veturia Isabel Wiley, Katherine M. Vetere, Miriam B. Morris, Marion V. Smith; orchestra selection, "Every Little Movement and Dainty Dames;" song, "Birthday of the King," Miss Katherine M. Vetere; "Sailor's Hornpipe," Misses Susan Richards, Mary H. Barnard, Ruth A. Mathews, Mabel A. Whitten, Gladys Searle, Ruth M. Boynton, Rose Lanz, Ida Pistilli, Masters Howard Clifford Young, Ernest J. Altoeff, Frank Rudolph Moerke, Norman N. Phillips, George G. Thompson, Edmund Booth, Halsey P. Bagg, Frank J. McKelvey; piano, violin and cello, "Cavaleria Rusticana," Misses Veturia I. Wiley, Katherine M. Vetere, Ruth A. Mathews; song by the children, "Little Baby in the Manger;" orchestra, medley of American airs.

The proficiency of the young people as musicians is remarkable. The orchestra is composed of 15 violins, three cornets, two clarinets, drums, bells and flute, cello and piano. The children play with wonderful precision and make excellent harmony. The orchestra is led by Miss Wiley and its music was highly enjoyed. Miss Wiley's piano solo was very artistic and she responded to an encore with a fine selection. The piano trio was brilliantly played. The cornet duet was smooth and skillful. The violin duet was exceedingly well done. The piano, violin and cello trio was very well played. The singing throughout was highly creditable. The children made a pretty picture as they were grouped on the stage and they sang with excellent harmony. Miss Vetere has a clear strong voice and her selection was encored. She responded to an encore with "Falling in Love." The waltz song, "Under the Mistletoe," was most pleasing as was also the chorus "Bed Time at the Zoo."

A most entertaining feature were the dances the first of which was the highland fling. The boys and girls were costumed as highlanders and did so well

that the face of Santa Claus which looked out from the plaid at the rear of the stage grinned in satisfaction. The audience was very enthusiastic and demanded, and received a repetition of the whole dance. The sailor's hornpipe was presented with equal success and made a decided hit. The children was appropriately costumed and from the smallest to the largest went through the various movements with a skill and grace which was most pleasing. They received very hearty applause and responded to an encore.

The Dutch dance by two of the little people could not have been improved upon. "Too cute for anything" was the verdict of all. They sang the well known German ballad "Du, du, liegst mir im Herzen;" like professionals and won golden opinions. The Christmas music was especially fine.

Superintendent Wiley thanked the visitors for their attendance and interest and then began the distribution of the gifts. These were too numerous to mention and included besides toys, candies, etc., many useful and beautiful articles. Although the superintendent, who acted as master of ceremonies, had a system which was designed for rapid delivery and was assisted by a score of willing workers, it took considerable time. The gifts are provided by the contributions of various lodges throughout the state, and if the generous donors could have been present and seen the happiness of the children they would have realized that their investment yielded a larger return in happiness than any they had ever before made. At the close the children went to their rooms, each carrying good things by the armful. They were certainly most generously provided for. One gentleman in New York sent half a ton of candy, and there was plenty for young and old.

Besides the inmates, the employes were not forgotten and whether the gifts were umbrellas or purses, they all felt that they had something for a rainy day and were correspondingly happy. At about 8 o'clock dancing began in the children's dining room, and continued till a late hour. Refreshments were served and the end came all too quickly. The people in the Masonic Home have had many pleasant celebrations in recent years, but there never was a more merry and joyous Christmas in any in-

stitution than that at the Masonic Home yesterday. It was a very busy day for Superintendent Wiley, and to his careful planning and diligence in carrying forward the plans much of the pleasure and success of the occasion is due.

*1910, December 31.* The Children saw the old year out with a dance in their dining room, and the Home Orchestra played appropriate pieces during the afternoon and evening.

*1911, January, 2.* The round of holiday festivities at the Masonic Home terminated last evening with a New Year's entertainment in the easterly end of the long dining room. The program comprised elocutionary selections by Miss Jessie Camp Ross of Troy and musical numbers by the children of the Home, which were all very enjoyable. Miss Ross has been a New Year's visitor at the institution for at least 10 consecutive years and has become a favorite with the inmates. A number of immense American flags had been gracefully draped on the wall as a background for the stage and presented a bright and cheerful as well as a patriotic aspect. The audience was made up of both young and old members of the Home.

Miss Ross' work afforded the inmates as great a pleasure as ever and, in addition to being applauded and encored she was greeted by many of them at the close of the entertainment and personally thanked for her visit. One of the selections was a story. "His Courier," which was greatly enjoyed; another was entitled "Santa Claus' Assistant," and described, in an interesting way, the manner in which one boy helped another down the chimney. "The Census Taker" was a New England dialect number which was highly entertaining and "The Christening," in which the minister made a mistake and gave the baby the wrong name, and one which elicited hearty laughter and applause. Miss Veturia Wiley, daughter of the superintendent William J. Wiley, played an instrumental solo, "Capricante" by Wach; Miss Wiley, Kate Vetera and Miss Ruth Mathews gave a piano, violin and cello trio in excellent style and the children's orchestra of over 20 pieces played in an admirable manner. The entertainment as a whole was very enjoyable.



The exercises began early and were brought to a close a few minutes before 9 o'clock so that the older people need not become fatigued and the children could retire at a seasonable hour and be on hand for their studies this morning. Superintendent Wiley expressed the gratitude of the inmates for Miss Ross' entertainment and Miss Ross responded by speaking of the pleasure which it gave her to be present and complimenting the young musicians who took part in the program.

1911, January 20. A Concert was given for the benefit of the St. John's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of this City to enable them to build a proper asylum for their orphan children. The Home children took part in the Concert and the following description from the Utica Observer of January 21st, is interesting.

There never was a happier audience in the Majestic Theatre than that which attended the benefit concert given last evening by the children of the Masonic Home, the St. Vincent Industrial School and St. John's Orphan Asylum for the building fund of the new St. John's Orphan Asylum. Every seat in the theatre had been sold for the concert and the audience was a splendid one, enthusiastic in the expressions of its appreciation and heartily in sympathy with the cause that was being benefited.

The concert was given under the direction of William J. Wiley, superintendent of the Masonic Home, and at its conclusion Mr. Wiley announced that the committee of which he was chairman would be able to turn over to the Sisters of Charity in charge of St. John's Asylum the sum of \$5,300. The large amount of the net proceeds of the concert made the audience fairly gasp with wonder. Then everybody in the big theatre sat up straight and applauded Mr. Wiley, cheered him and made him feel that his work in the matter was heartily and happily appreciated. It was a long time before the applause subsided, so eager was the audience to make Mr. Wiley understand that his announcement was a mighty fine one to every person in the theatre.

There was another feature of the concert, too, that won the hearts of the audience in a particular manner. This was the announcement of Mr. Wiley that the children of the Masonic Home, orphans

themselves, had been most anxious to take part in the benefit for the new St. John's Asylum in order that the children now quartered in the dingy old building on John Street might have a beautiful home to live in, with pleasant surroundings and plenty of room for play. Mr. Wiley emphasized the fact that the concert was a benefit by orphans for orphans, whose hearts had gone out to one another in charity and love. Everybody applauded this announcement with abundant spirit. But there were many in the audience who felt that it was a wonderful and beautiful evidence of Christian charity, generosity and liberality for the manager and the children of a Masonic Home to arrange and present a concert of surpassing merit for the benefit of a Roman Catholic institution. The thought that this happy condition of affairs was so happily brought about in Utica by Mr. Wiley and the children under his care gave added pleasure to the big audience in the Majestic Theatre last evening and will remain in the minds of many who attended the entertainment long after the details of the concert are forgotten.

There were no kinks in the programme last evening. Every detail of the big concert had been carefully arranged before hand and each number was given promptly, happily and well.

The concert had been advertised to commence promptly at 8 o'clock. The curtain went up when the clock struck the hour, showing about 200 children from the institutions that took part in the concert. They were arranged nicely on the stage, the girls dressed in white, with white hair ribbons, and the boys spick and span in every detail. The opening number was the Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah," with Prof. George Fischer directing the children. It was an auspicious number, well interpreted and sung with fine spirit. The children kept their eyes fastened upon the director and their happy faces, uplifted in an eager way, won the hearts of the audience instantly. A medley of national airs, arranged by Fisher, followed the singing of the chorus. It had a swing to it like a dozen loose gates in a wind storm and the audience applauded every patriotic line and air in the arrangement.

The Masonic Home Orchestra, made up of 24 of the children of the institution played "Our Navy's

the Best in the World" and then gave the audience a lively encore. There wasn't a weak spot in the number. The boys and girls played with skill and in unison and the audience gave its prompt appreciation to their work.

The real hit of the evening was the Dutch Dance, given by a little miss of six years and a boy of eight years from the Masonic Home. The couple wore typical Dutch costumes, with wooden shoes, and as they danced they sang "Du Du, liegst mir im Herzen," a German love song. Their dancing was graceful, their movements exceedingly comical and their facial expressions as solemn and unemotional as the church spires of the people they represented. The audience opened its heart up to the youngsters and the applause grew into an avalanche. But the boy and the girl danced on without a quiver of the eyelids or a movement of the lips to indicate that they were the recipients of the demonstration. At the end of their act they bowed solemnly to the audience and danced off the stage. It was a most delightful number.

By special request of the committee in charge of the concert, Miss Veturia Wiley, the daughter of the superintendent of the Masonic Home, favored the audience with a piano solo, "Capricante," by Wachs. Her rendition of the number was excellent and Miss Wiley was favored with very generous applause.

Everybody liked the "Highland Fling," the famous Scotch dance, given by the children of the Masonic Home, six boys and six girls in catchey Scotch costumes. It was a finely-executed number, with lots of variety, plenty of life and humorous trimmings in the rendition of the dance. The boys wore kilts of MacGregor plaid, Scotch caps, with cock's feather, plaid hose, hunting horn and sporan. The girls wore Tam O'Shanter caps, with quills, Royal Stuart plaid with buckle and plaid hose. The real Highland Fling was the first part of the dance. This was followed by some very pretty movements, in which the participants showed skill and good training. There were 15 steps in the dance, and all were taken without an error. The youngsters had excellent control of their facial expressions and they were happy favorites with the audience. Encores were showered upon them and they deserved every bit of the applause.

If the Sailors' Horn pipe is any better than it was given by the 24 children of the Masonic Home, 12 boys and 12 girls, it would be hard to convince any of last evening's audience of this fact. The youngsters were dressed in natty sailor costumes, white duck, with middy blouse and black sailor hats. They gave the hornpipe a fine interpretation. Every step of it was good to see. Every part of it was worth a united laugh from the audience. There was plenty of variety to the work of the children and every part of the number was given gracefully and skillfully. The dance closed with the waving of American flags. The audience felt that it was too short and the youngsters were teased back for an encore. Towards the end of the programme the Masonic Home Orchestra played a medley of American airs in a lively way. The catchy selections were received with favor by the audience and made a happy offering to an excellent programme. Just before the rendition of the closing number W. J. Wiley, superintendent of the Masonic Home, and the man who arranged the big concert, appeared on the stage to thank those who had taken part in the concert. He was instantly greeted by the entire audience and for several minutes the applause was overwhelming. The audience arose to its feet, cheered Mr. Wiley and many people in the theatre waved small American flags. Dr. F. P. Cavallo led the other singers who had taken part in the concert in the rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Mr. Wiley appeared quite overcome at the reception given him and the appreciation shown him.

"If this committee had given me a formal number on the programme," he said when he could make himself heard, "I believe I would ask everybody to remain seated, while I sang the Doxology. Because when I look at this magnificent audience and understand what it means to the project we are interested in, I can say from my heart, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' The way of the chairman of a concert committee, like that of the transgressor is a hard one. You cannot please everybody. A pessimistic friend of mine—and I came very near saying a bilious friend—wanted to know why I had gone into the work of this concert. He didn't ask me, but inquired of somebody else. He thought it a

strange thing that the superintendent of a Masonic Home should work in behalf of a Roman Catholic institution and intimated that I had a political motive in doing it. I can certainly prove an alibi to that. You know, I am a Republican and we Republicans decided last fall that we had no more use for political offices.

"Utica, for its size, has more charitable institutions than any other city in the country. This concert was gotten up by a number of gentlemen anxious to add another beautiful building to the charities of the city and to provide a decent and comfortable home for little children left without natural protectors and dependent upon others for their care and sustenance. If my pessimistic friend had asked me why I took part in this concert I would have told him it was to aid this very worthy charity and that I believe it is time to throw aside all differences in creed or race when there is a question of doing good for helpless children or for any one else who needs our assistance. Do you know, the children of the Masonic Home just wheedled me into this concert. They didn't have to wheedle very hard, I assure you. They were anxious to do all they could to help the little orphans in the dingy old St. John's Asylum to obtain a fine new building, with pleasant country surroundings, such as we enjoy at the Masonic Home, and they just couldn't give me any rest until I consented to help them in the project. This concert is the result of this wheedling on the part of the children in the Masonic Home. I am mighty glad they wheedled me.

"There is a beautiful thought in this work of children helping children. It teaches them lessons of charity and love better than we could teach in any other way. And they are beautiful lessons, not only for the children, but for all grown people. This committee worked earnestly to make the concert a success. When we organized we set out to make \$5,000. There was some doubting Thomases, but I am very pleased to tell you to-night that we are able to give the Sisters in charge of St. John's Orphan Asylum a check for \$5,300. My only regret is that there is not a whole lot more to go along with it.

"I understand that the committee on building for the new St. John's Orphan Asylum will endeavor to break ground this spring and build one of the

wings of the new institution, so that all the children now in the dingy old home on John Street may have a beautiful home as soon as possible. The Sisters have within a few thousand dollars of the amount required to do this work, and this concert should be an inspiration to every person in Utica to aid the Sisters in securing the balance of the money needed. I will help them in the work if I can. Everybody in the city should help them, too, for it is a worthy charity, well conducted.

"I desire to thank you all most heartily for your presence here this evening. I wish to express the appreciation of myself and of the other members of the committee to every person who aided us in this concert. We are especially grateful to the singers who came here cheerfully, to the children who took part in the programme and the business men who advertised in our beautiful booklet that will be preserved as a souvenir of this occasion. You may think we charged you pretty good prices for this concert, but I want to tell you that you have had a mighty good one."

Mr. Wiley was interrupted many times during his talk by the laughter and applause of the audience. Everybody in the theatre showed appreciation of the part taken by Mr. Wiley in the benefit and expressed that appreciation in no uncertain manner.

The closing number on the programme was a most appropriate one, the singing of "Home, Sweet Home" by Miss Katherine Vetere of the Masonic Home. Miss Vetere has a very sweet voice, beautifully modulated and well trained, and she sang this song with a feeling that touched the hearts of every person in the audience. The people kept their seats at the conclusion of the number and applauded the singer generously. Then everybody went home and everybody praised the concert, said many complimentary things about Mr. Wiley, about the children of the Masonic Home, the children of St. John's Orphan Asylum, the boys of the St. Vincent School, the singers who took part in the concert, and added to it all the hope that the little ones in St. John's Asylum will soon have a new home and a sweet one, too.

1911. February 12. The Home was visited by the Hall and Asylum Fund Committee and thoroughly inspected. The Committee consisted of M. W. S. Nelson Sawyer,

R. W. George J. Jackson, R. W. Charles H. Armata,  
R. W. Arthur Warren, R. W. Henry Schaefer,  
R. W. John Lloyd Thomas.

1911, February 26. Speaking before the members of Oneida Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., which made its first visitation to the Masonic Home yesterday afternoon, Supt. William J. Wiley briefly but pointedly described his conception of the true meaning of Christianity, during which he referred feelingly to the children of St. John's Orphan Asylum, Judge Joseph Beal of Oneida had previously stated that he hoped the children of the Home would grow up to be Christian men and women. Using Judge Beal's expressed wish as a text, Supt. Wiley told what it meant to be a Christian. Judging from the applause, pretty much every one in the big crowd present was in hearty accord with his definition.

"We are trying to bring up these children to be Christian men and women, and we contend that to be a Christian does not consist alone in reading the Bible and attending church on Sunday," declared Mr. Wiley. It is the opinion of the superintendent that true religion consists largely in imitating the example of Christ by leading clean lives and doing good works. He told how the children of the Home had taken part in a recent concert for the benefit of St. John's Orphan Asylum and that \$5,300 was raised for that worthy institution. The children of St. John's Orphan Asylum are obliged to live in an "old barracks of a building" where they can see no green grass, he said, and every public spirited person should do something for these little ones.

"The Masonic order knows no creed," declared Mr. Wiley, who added that every man has a right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Personally, he said, he has no patience with a person who wants to force others to think as he thinks. Catholics and Protestants both believe in the same God, worship the same Christ of meekness and charity and Mr. Wiley cannot understand why they should not be respectful and tolerant toward each other. He said he was trying to bring up the children in the Home so that when they go out into the world they will be useful, charitable and broad-minded citizens.

Nearly 150 Masons and their wives made the pilgrimage from Oneida to this city, the trip being made in special trolley cars over the Oneida Railway. There were quite a number of Masons present from other places, which with the inmates of the Home, made about 700 who attended the exercises. Songs were rendered by the children of the Home and instrumental music furnished by their orchestra. At the conclusion of the exercises an hour was spent in inspecting the Home.

Attorney Edwin J. Brown of Oneida gave a very practical talk to the children. He made the children laugh by his quaint expressions. He showed how poverty had led a little boy to become a criminal and counseled the children to keep their tempers sweet and never "look daggers" or be disrespectful.

Judge Joseph Beal of Oneida was glad that the children of the Home were so well cared for. "He who wears the garments of Perecles is expected to do the work of Perecles," declared the speaker, who impressed upon the children the importance of keeping their character unsullied to the end, that when they go out into the world they will reflect honor upon the Home. He said that nothing was so important as that the children should grow up to be Christian men and women.

R. W. A. A. Keesler of Canastota, deputy of the 27th Masonic district of the State of New York, declared that he had been in almost every section of the United States and Masons everywhere were proud of the Home of this city. The higher one goes in the Masonic order, he said, the broader his ideas become. He confessed that he was a believer in Superintendent Wiley's kind of religion.

Past Master Frank B. Petrie of Oneida complimented Superintendent Wiley and declared that every Mason should be proud that he belongs to such an order. On the way from Oneida to Utica, he said, a collection had been taken for the benefit of the children of the Home. He then handed to Superintendent Wiley a goodly sum of money.

Superintendent Wiley accepted the gift in a few well chosen words, explaining, as he has on several similar occasions before, the uses to which such gifts are put.



We desire to acknowledge our sincere thanks and hearty appreciation to the following Lodges and brethren who, by their generous donations toward the Children's Christmas Fund, which fund is used not only for the purchase of Christmas presents, but for the benefit of the children who are with us and those who have left the Home and entered into business life and have met with reverses.

Donations of this nature add to the happiness of our large family on Christmas Day and certainly produce wonderful results in the education of our little ones.

1910.

Dec.	26, Mattinecock Lodge No. 806.....	\$25.00
Nov.	23, Anthon Lodge No. 769.....	10.00
	27, Greenpoint Lodge No. 403.....	25.00
	29, Euclid Lodge No. 656.....	5.00
Dec.	5, Sterling Lodge No. 817.....	10.00
	8, Hillgrove Lodge No. 540.....	10.00
	12, Marsh Lodge No. 188.....	10.00
	15, R. W. D. O. Everhard.....	5.00
	19, Ridgewood Lodge No. 710.....	10.00
	19, Oltmans Lodge No. 446.....	10.00
	21, Merchants' Lodge No. 709.....	15.00
	21, Star of Hope Lodge No. 430.....	25.00
	24, Reliance Lodge No. 776.....	10.00
	24, Hyatt Lodge No. 205.....	25.00
Nov.	19, Commonwealth Lodge No. 409.....	25.00
	19, Joppa Lodge No. 201.....	10.00
	19, Greenwood Lodge No. 569.....	10.00
	22, Minerva Lodge No. 792.....	15.00
Dec.	3, Aurora Grata Lodge No. 756.....	10.00
	3, Long Island Lodge No. 382.....	20.00
	4, Day Star Lodge No. 798.....	10.00
	6, Bedford Lodge No. 574.....	10.00
	8, Acanthus Lodge No. 719.....	25.00
	9, Montauk Lodge No. 286.....	25.00
	11, Stella Lodge No. 485.....	10.00
	11, Lexington Lodge No. 310.....	10.00
	13, Sandalphon Lodge No. 836.....	10.00
	13, Ezel Lodge No. 732.....	10.00
	14, Delta Lodge No. 451.....	25.00
	15, Fortitude Lodge No. 19.....	10.00
	15, Brooklyn Lodge No. 288.....	100.00
	17, Adytum Lodge No. 640.....	25.00
	17, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 585.....	25.00
	17, Crystal Wave Lodge No. 638.....	25.00
	21, Kedron Lodge No. 803.....	10.00
	21, Kings County Lodge No. 511.....	25.00

## 1910.

	22, Mistletoe Lodge No. 647.....	20.00
	24, Orion Lodge No. 717.....	25.00
	24, Altair Lodge No. 601.....	25.00
	24, Nassau Lodge No. 536.....	10.00
	25, Kedron Lodge No. 803.....	10.00
	25, Anglo Saxon Lodge No. 137.....	10.00
	13, W. James H. Freeman, Aurora Grata Lodge No. 756.....	10.00
	13, Aurora Grata Lodge No. 756.....	50.00
	21, Several Brethren of Bay-Ridge Lodge No. 856....	22.00
Nov.	4, Temple Club, 4th District.....	10.00
	14, Dirigo Lodge No. 30.....	25.00
	16, Manitou Lodge No. 106.....	10.00
	21, Adelphi Lodge No. 23.....	10.00
	22, Lafayette Lodge No. 64.....	10.00
	24, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 27.....	25.00
	29, Naval Lodge No. 69.....	5.00
	30, Albion Lodge No. 26.....	25.00
	30, Lodge of Strict Observance No. 94.....	10.00
Dec.	8, Montgomery Lodge No. 68.....	10.00
	11, Ind. Royal Arch Lodge No. 2.....	10.00
	17, Pioneer Lodge No. 20.....	10.00
	17, Benevolent Lodge No. 28.....	10.00
	21, Howard Lodge No. 35.....	25.00
	22, Concord Lodge No. 50.....	10.00
	23, Manhattan Lodge No. 62.....	10.00
	3, Bro. William J. Stevens, Montgomery Lodge No. 68.....	25.00
	22, R. W. Richard H. Thomas, Howard Lodge No. 35..	10.00

## 1911.

Jan.	20, John Hancock Lodge No. 70.....	10.00
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## 1910.

Nov.	18, Fifth Masonic District Association.....	25.00
	23, Excelsior Lodge No. 195.....	15.00
	29, Eureka Lodge No. 243.....	10.00
Dec.	14, Independent Lodge No. 185.....	10.00
	15, Darcy Lodge No. 187.....	10.00
	19, Silentia Lodge No. 198.....	15.00
	21, Mt. Neboh Lodge No. 257.....	25.00
	22, Eastern Star Lodge No. 227.....	10.00
	22, Arcana Lodge No. 246.....	25.00
	22, Pacific Lodge No. 233.....	25.00
	23, John D. Willard Lodge No. 250.....	10.00
	24, Palestine Lodge No. 204.....	25.00

## 1911.

Jan.	2, National Lodge No. 209.....	10.00
	19, Temple Lodge No. 203.....	25.00

1910.		
Dec.	13, Bro. Carl C. Kast, Eastern Star Lodge No. 227.....	2.00
Nov.	3, Acacia Lodge No. 327.....	10.00
	7, Hiram Lodge No. 449.....	10.00
	7, Adelpic Lodge No. 348.....	10.00
	7, Atlas Lodge No. 316.....	10.00
	14, Metropolitan Lodge No. 273.....	5.00
	14, Lily Lodge No. 342.....	10.00
	14, Doric Lodge No. 280.....	5.00
	15, Crescent Lodge No. 402.....	10.00
	16, Neptune Lodge No. 317.....	5.00
	19, Mosaic Lodge No. 418.....	5.00
	19, Marion Lodge No. 278.....	10.00
	23, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 272.....	10.00
	26, Amity Lodge No. 323.....	10.00
	26, St. Nicholas Lodge No. 321.....	5.00
	28, Arcturus Lodge No. 274.....	5.00
	29, Henry Clay Lodge No. 277.....	10.00
	30, New York Lodge No. 330.....	10.00
	30, Putnam Lodge No. 338.....	10.00
Dec.	1, Puritan Lodge No. 339.....	5.00
	7, Franklin Lodge No. 447.....	10.00
	9, Sagamore Lodge No. 371.....	10.00
	19, Geo. Washington Lodge No. 285.....	10.00
	20, Sylvan Grove Lodge No. 275.....	10.00
	22, City Lodge No. 408.....	10.00
Nov.	7, W. C. C. Hunt, Atlas Lodge No. 316.....	5.00
	4, Evangelist Lodge No. 600.....	10.00
	14, Greenwich Lodge No. 467.....	25.00
	22, Normal Lodge No. 525.....	10.00
Dec.	7, Harlem Lodge No. 457.....	10.00
	7, Columbian Lodge No. 484.....	10.00
	7, Ionic Lodge No. 486.....	10.00
	7, Tecumseh Lodge No. 487.....	10.00
	7, Manhattan Lodge No. 489.....	10.00
	7, Pyramid Lodge No. 490.....	10.00
	7, Wyoming Lodge No. 492.....	10.00
	7, Architect Lodge No. 519.....	10.00
	7, Monitor Lodge No. 528.....	10.00
	7, Americus Lodge No. 535.....	10.00
	7, Guilding Star Lodge No. 565.....	10.00
	7, St. Cecile Lodge No. 568.....	10.00
	7, Globe Lodge No. 588.....	10.00
	7, Hopewell Lodge No. 596.....	10.00
	7, Tabernacle Lodge No. 598.....	10.00
	7, Astor Lodge No. 603.....	10.00

## 1910.

Dec. 7,	Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 604.....	10.00
	7, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 610.....	10.00
	7, Citizens' Lodge No. 628.....	10.00
	7, Gerard Lodge No. 631.....	10.00
	7, Scotia Lodge No. 634.....	10.00
	7, Copestone Lodge No. 641.....	10.00
	7, Park Lodge No. 516.....	10.00
	14, Gramercy Lodge No. 537.....	25.00
	15, Corinthian Lodge No. 488.....	10.00
	7, Square Club, 7th Masonic District.....	25.00
	10, W. James T. White, Astor Lodge No. 603.....	10.00
	13, R. W. August Eickelberg, Scotia Lodge No. 634..	25.00

## 1911.

Jan. 17,	Fellowcraft Club, Architect Lodge No. 519.....	10.00
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## 1910.

Nov 29,	Emanuel Lodge No. 654.....	25.00
30,	Livingston Lodge No. 657.....	20.00
30,	Pentalpha Lodge No. 744.....	15.00
Dec. 7,	Bunting Lodge No. 655.....	25.00
	8, Stuyvesant Lodge No. 745.....	25.00
	9, Maimonides Lodge No. 743.....	25.00
	13, Alma Lodge No. 728.....	10.00
	13, Bethel Lodge No. 733.....	10.00
	15, Knickerbocker Lodge No. 642.....	24.00
	17, Bronx Lodge No. 860.....	25.00
	17, Naphthali Lodge No. 752.....	5.00
	18, Hebron Lodge No. 813.....	25.00
	18, William McKinley Lodge No. 840.....	25.00
	18, William McKinley Lodge No. 840.....	18.00
	18, True Craftsman's Lodge No. 651.....	28.00
	18, Veritas Lodge No. 734.....	25.00
	18, Truth Lodge No. 881.....	25.00
	18, Composite Lodge No. 819.....	25.00
	19, Shakespeare Lodge No. 750.....	25.00
	19, Centennial Lodge No. 763.....	113.00
	20, Ancient Lodge No. 724.....	25.00
	21, Chancellor Kent Lodge No. 870.....	10.00
	21, Republic Lodge No. 690.....	25.00
	23, Trowel Lodge No. 873.....	10.00
	23, Brother George S. Hungerford, Justice Lodge No. 753.....	10.00
	24, Charity Lodge No. 727.....	10.00
	30, Daniel Carpenter Lodge No. 643.....	10.00

1911.		
Jan.	2, Civic Lodge No. 853.....	25.00
	11, A Brother of Republic Lodge No. 690.....	1.00
1910.		
Dec.	19, Solon Lodge No. 771.....	10.00
	22, Lincoln Lodge No. 748.....	15.00
	25, Allemania Lodge No. 740.....	10.00
	30, Wieland Lodge No. 714.....	25.00
	27, R..W..John D. Strahmann.....	5.00
1911.		
Jan.	17, Lessing Lodge No. 608.....	10.00
1910.		
Nov.	24, Damascus Lodge No. 867.....	10.00
	24, La Clemente Amitle Cos, Lodge No. 410.....	10.00
	26, Garibaldi Lodge No. 542.....	50.00
	26, Bredablick Lodge No. 880.....	15.00
	29, Mazzini Lodge No. 824.....	5.00
Dec.	11, La Sincerite Lodge No. 373.....	10.00
	13, Cavour Lodge No. 872.....	10.00
	17, Roma Lodge No. 854.....	25.00
	17, Frederick Lodge No. 857.....	10.00
	22, Norseman Lodge No. 878.....	15.00
1911.		
Jan.	31, Italia Lodge No. 786.....	50.00
1910.		
Dec.	R..W..J. A. Forrester.....	3.00
Nov.	12, Nepperhan Lodge No. 736.....	10.00
Dec.	3, Mamaro Lodge No. 653.....	25.00
	22, Hiawatha Lodge No. 434.....	25.00
	15, R..W..Theodore Taylor, Hiawatha Lodge No. 434..	5.00
	8, Rockland Lodge No. 723.....	5.00
	17, Triune Lodge No. 782.....	10.00
	23, R..W..John M. James.....	10.00
Nov.	17, Rondout Lodge No. 343.....	10.00
Dec.	3, 15th Masonic Dist. Ass'n.....	22.00
	3, Guttenberg Lodge No. 737.....	10.00
	9, Van Renselaer Lodge No. 400.....	10.00
	10, Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 3.....	10.00
	10, Washington Lodge No. 85.....	10.00
	12, Berne Lodge No. 684.....	5.00
	14, Ancient City Lodge No. 452.....	10.00
	15, James Ten Eyck Lodge No. 831.....	15.00
	17, Temple Lodge No. 14.....	20.00
	19, Masters Lodge No. 5.....	10.00

## 1910.

20, Wadsworth Lodge No. 417.....	10.00
22, New Hope Lodge No. 730.....	24.15
24, St. George's Lodge No. 6.....	26.00
24, King. Sol. Prim. Lodge No. 91.....	25.00
9, Oneonta Lodge No. 466.....	15.00
9, Evergreen Lodge No. 363.....	10.00
11, Schenevus Valley Lodge No. 592.....	10.00
9, R. W. H. Greely Brown.....	5.00
23, R. W. Edward M. Fethers.....	5.00
Nov. 14, Ilion Lodge No. 591 & Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 76	21.20
19, Olive Branch Lodge No. 40.....	10.00
Dec. 25, Black Lake Lodge No. 319.....	10.00
17, R. W. Ezra A. Barnes.....	5.00
Nov. 20, Utica Lodge No. 47.....	25.00
Dec. 11, Faxon Lodge No. 697.....	25.00
15, Oriental Lodge No. 224.....	25.00
11, Bro. A. B. Thomas, Faxon Lodge No. 697.....	5.00
20, Bro. George L. Bradford, Faxon Lodge No. 697....	20.00
24, R. W. J. Soley Cole.....	5.00
17, Oneida Lodge No. 270.....	5.00
23, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 864.....	10.00
23, Salts Springs Lodge No. 520.....	10.00
23, R. W. Albert Keesler.....	10.00
23, R. W. William A. Johnson.....	5.00

## 1911.

Jan. 1, R. W. C. L. Banks.....	5.00
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## 1910.

Nov. 27, St. Paul's Lodge No. 124.....	25.00
Dec. 22, St. Paul's Lodge No. 124.....	5.00
23, Auburn Lodge No. 431.....	15.00
17, Newark Lodge No. 83.....	5.00
23, Yonondio Lodge No. 163.....	15.00
7, Red Jacket Lodge No. 656.....	15.00

## 1911.

Jan. 8, Renovation Lodge No. 97.....	10.00
Feb. 6, Bro. R. P. Stillman, Renovation Lodge No. 97.....	2.00
6, Bro. A. B. Densmore, Renovation Lodge No. 97.....	2.00
6, Bro. Alfred Blatt, Renovation Lodge No. 97.....	2.00

## 1910.

Dec. 12, Past Masters' Ass'n 38th Masonic Dist.....	10.00
22, Modestia Lodge No. 340.....	10.00
22, R. W. Henry Schaefer .....	10.00
23, Washington Lodge No. 240.....	10.00

1911.		
Feb. 16,	De Molay Lodge No. 498.....	25.00
1910.		
Nov. 17,	Columbian Commandery No. 1, K. T.....	40.00
24,	Damascus Commandery No. 53, K. T.....	15.00
27,	York Commandery No. 55, K. T.....	25.00
Dec. 3,	Empire Commandery No. 66, K. T.....	30.00
5,	Central City Commandery No. 25, K. T.....	10.00
8,	Temple Commandery No. 2, K. T.....	100.00
21,	De Soto Commandery No. 49, K. T.....	25.00
23,	Palestine Commandery No. 18, K. T.....	25.00
24,	Rome Commandery No. 45, K. T.....	25.00
22,	Bro. J. Carlisle Loudon.....	5.00
Nov. 30,	Central City Chap. No. 70, R. A. M.....	10.00
30,	De Witt Clinton Chap. No. 142, R. A. M.....	5.00
Dec. 1,	Empire Chap. No. 170, R. A. M.....	10.00
3,	Rockland Chap. No. 210, R. A. M.....	5.00
4,	Amity Chap. No. 160, R. A. M.....	10.00
17,	Temple Chap. No. 5, R. A. M.....	10.00
30,	Manhattan Chap. No. 184, R. A. M.....	10.00
Nov. 15,	Orient Chap. No. 138, R. A. M.....	25.00
Dec. 4,	Columbian Council No. 1, R. & S. M.....	10.00
Apr. 7,	Utica Commandery No. 3, K. T.....	30.50
16,	A Friend.....	1.00
22,	R. W. George Cromwell.....	90.00
May 13,	Naval Lodge No. 69.....	25.00
16,	Syracuse Lodge No. 501.....	63.00
19,	Mrs. Eda Essac, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....	5.00
23,	Oriental Lodge No. 224.....	50.00
23,	Bro. George C. Hessler, Syracuse Lodge No. 501....	3.20
June 5,	Hamilton Lodge No. 79.....	25.00
5,	Hamilton Lodge No. 79.....	36.85
9,	Syracuse Lodge No. 501, 50th Anniversary.....	50.00
9,	Collection from Syracuse Lodge No. 501, 50th Anniversary .....	13.00
24,	Greenwood Lodge No. 569.....	53.00
28,	Western Star Lodge No. 15.....	17.85
28,	Bro. Herman Knapp, Clinton Lodge No. 453.....	2.00
Sept. 18,	Sanger Lodge No. 129.....	21.00
Oct. 27,	Masters' & Past Masters' Ass'n 6th Masonic District.	25.00
Nov. 19,	Empire Lodge U. D.....	5.00
22,	R. W. George J. Jackson.....	25.00
Dec. 5,	Bro. Edward F. Sherry.....	1.00
8,	M. W. S. Nelson Sawyer.....	10.00
8,	Miss Isabelle A. Sawyer.....	5.00
9,	R. W. Charles Smith.....	15.00

## 1910.

Dec. 10, R. W. William N. Tufts.....	2.00
11, R. W. George S. Tinklepaugh.....	10.00
14, Brooklyn Masonic Veterans' Association.....	43.60
15, Arcturus Chap. No. 61, O. E. S.....	10.00
15, M. W. Townsend Scudder.....	10.00
22, R. W. William H. Sleeper, Jr.....	10.00
22, M. W. William A. Brodie.....	10.00
24, R. W. George A. Newell.....	5.00
25, R. W. & Rev. William R. Watson.....	2.00

## 1911.

Jan. 11, R. W. Herman J. Katz.....	15.00
Feb. 17, Aurora Grata Lodge No. 756.....	50.00
26, Oneida Lodge No. 270.....	22.62
Mar. 4, Anglo Saxon Lodge No. 137.....	50.00
18, Zetland Chapter No. 141, R. A. M.....	124.50

We wish to express our personal thanks and the sincere appreciation of the children to R. W. Frederick P. Morris, Past Grand Treasurer, for his Christmas donation of \$57.00 to the children, which he desired distributed fifty cents to each child. His wishes were followed and he received a vote of thanks from the little ones.

Our grateful appreciation is tendered to the good Brethren of Mt. Moriah Lodge for their donation in the form of a check for \$25.00 to be applied to the necessary purchases in the Manual Training Department.

We again wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Maria L. Post, a member of this Home, for her kindly gift to the children each year.

We also desire to express to Mr. Robert Fraser, merchant of this City, our heartiest thanks for his kindness in loaning many of the decorations used at the time the Corner Stone of the Chapel was laid, and, for permitting us to obtain many of the decorations used by him in his store, which beautified our dining room as never before during the Christmas week.

We herewith acknowledge our appreciation and thank the following donors most kindly for their courtesy and generosity.

W. Bros. Louis F. Stein, Master of Bay Ridge Lodge No. 856, —one case of sample chiffons and cotton goods for the Children's sewing room.

W. Bro. James T. White, Past Master of Astor Lodge No. 603, —two cases of sample cotton strips for the children's sewing room.

Mr. Huson Moak of the firm of Buckingham and Moak, —one lot of magazines.

W. Bro. James A. Masterman, —one lot of paper pads and tablets for the use of the children.

Bro. William B. Jones of Hiawatha Lodge No. 434, — one year's



subscription for two copies of St. Nicholas Magazine and one lot of books for the Home Library.

Bro. Louis F. Grenner,—one hundred-pound boxes of candy given to the children on the morning they returned from New York, May 5th, 1910.

R. W. Bro. M. C. Jacobs of Washington Lodge No. 85,—flowers given to the children at Masonic Hall on May 4th, 1910.

Mrs. Emil Frenkel, New York City,—one lot of clothing and shoes.

Bro. Andrew Peck,—one dozen fine bats, two splendid catcher's gloves, six official base balls, four Spaulding's tennis rackets and twelve tennis balls.

R. W. Tom W. Johnson, Utica, N. Y.,—one lot of magazines.

R. W. Henry B. Pruser, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,—one lot of illustrated cards for the children which we failed to acknowledge in the last Report and also a duplicate lot this year for which he has our hearty thanks.

H. F. Kelleman, Vice President of the Utica Drop Forge and Tool Company,—one-half dozen assorted pliers and pinches for use in the Manual Training Room.

Mrs. Philip Perry, Utica, N. Y.,—one lot of magazines.

Bro. R. O. Haubolt, New York City,—ten sets of games.

W. Bro. James T. White, New York City, three dozen dolls.

R. W. William F. Wiebe, New York City,—one box of books.

R. W. Maurice Shuster of John Stewart Lodge No. 871,—five sterling silver medals for competition on "Fourth of July."

Past Masters' Association of the Second Masonic District, Brooklyn, N. Y.,—photograph of M. W. Samuel Nelson Sawyer.

Bro. George Mundorff of Amity Lodge No. 323,—two boxes containing dolls and cake for the children.

Bro. Alfred B. Marx, New York City,—twelve cues.

R. W. Henry B. Pruster, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,—one box of illustrated cards for the children.

R. W. Tom W. Johnson, Utica, N. Y.,—one pool table.

Bro. Allen Russel, Brooklyn, N. Y.,—one box of cigar bands.

Bro. Benjamin E. Conkling, Star of Bethlehem Lodge No. 322,—one box of cigar bands.

R. W. Harry P. Knowles, New York City,—six volumes, "Boys Own Annual."

R. W. Frank Richardson, Cambridge, N. Y.,—subscription to "Review of Reviews" and "Munsey's Magazine."

Bro. A. Silverman,—one box of hats and caps.

R. W. J. L. Lyttle,—one box of silk pieces for patchwork.

W. John J. Dowers, Master of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568,—one beautiful set of Encyclopedia and Dictionary, ten volumes, half morocco.

Evangeline Chapter No. 51, O. E. S., a rug.

Mr. G. A. Spaulding, Utica, N. Y., one pail of candy.

R. W. Jacob C. Klinck, Remington Typewriter.

W. Bro. James A. Masterman, one case of pads and envelopes.

W. Bro. Joseph T. Hornby, Master of Pioneer Lodge No. 20,—four boxes of candy.

Bro. James H. Freeman, New York City,—four cases of groceries, two bbls. groceries, one case of wine.

Cambridge Lodge No. 662,—two cases of tobacco.

Bro. Samuel Goldbach, New York City,—one case of tobacco.

Bro. Louis E. Bomeisler, New York City,—seventy-five half-pound boxes of candy for the children.

Bro. C. A. Caldwell, Sagamore Lodge No. 371,—box of books.

Bro. Everett McKee, Rome, N. Y.,—one box of oranges.

Howarth-Ballard Drug Co., Utica, N. Y.,—a large quantity of perfume and soap.

Justice Lodge No. 753,—1000 pounds of candy for children's Christmas.

Mrs. Herman, Buffalo, N. Y.,—one book.

G. M. Jones & Company, Utica, N. Y.,—two cases of holly.

Bro. Louis F. Grenner,—one large box of candy.

Bro. William H. Prince, Rome, N. Y.,—fifty pounds of assorted nuts.

R. W. J. Hungerford Smith, Rochester, N. Y.,—four gallons of orangeade.

Mrs. James Belknap, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,—twenty-five pounds of candy.

R. W. Henry M. Love, Utica, N. Y.,—one case of knit goods for girls.

Bro. W. H. Warlow, Knickerbocker Lodge No. 642,—two fine undershirts.

Master William B. Tanner, Buffalo, N. Y.,—one pair of skates.

R. W. Henry J. Schreiber, New York City,—one case of candy.

Bro. Thomas K. Morton, Brooklyn, N. Y., two books for Children's Library.

Bro. Jay Whitmark, New York City, one dozen latest musical publications for Children' Orchestra.

W. S. Cummings, Syracuse, N. Y., six sets of Phoebe Snow picture puzzles.

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Mrs. C. L. Bullymore, Buffalo, N. Y., one package of magazines.

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Our acknowledgments and thanks are expressed to the following, who, by an appropriation of \$20.00 each, have enabled us to place headstones to mark the graves of the following members interred in the Home Cemetery.

Croton Lodge No. 368.....	BROTHER T. W. BYINGTON.....	\$20.00
Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507..	MRS. MARY CHILD.....	20.00
Ilion Lodge No. 591.....	BROTHER WILLIAM THORNELEY...	20.00
Winfield Lodge No. 581.....	BROTHER JAMES W. ADAMS.....	20.00
Republican Lodge No. 325....	BROTHER ADNA FOBES.....	20.00
Eastern Light Lodge No. 126.	BROTHER GILES H. HUBBARD.....	20.00
Lodge of Antiquity No. 11....	BROTHER THOMAS J. GITHENS...	20.00
South Side Lodge No. 493....	BROTHER SANFORD BLYDENBURG..	20.00
Platt Lodge No. 194.....	MRS. JOHANNA SCHMIDT.....	20.00
Hope Lodge No. 244.....	MRS. RUTH E. BEAN.....	20.00
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Yonnondio Lodge No. 163....	BROTHER LOCK McDONALD.....	20.00
Joppa Lodge No. 201.....	MRS. HONORA GREY.....	20.00

We beg to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for reimbursements from the following for funeral expenses:

Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308..	MRS. MARY F. CHAPMAN.....	\$30.00
Hornellsville Lodge No. 331..	BROTHER JOHN GROBE.....	34.00
Croton Lodge No. 368.....	BROTHER T. W. BYINGTON.....	40.00
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Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507..	MRS. MARY E. CHILD.....	40.00
Meridian Lodge No. 691.....	BROTHER HARVEY E. SWEAZY....	34.00
Ilion Lodge No. 591.....	BROTHER WILLIAM THORNELEY...	33.00
Winfield Lodge No. 581.....	BROTHER JAMES W. ADAMS.....	36.00
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Dolgeville Lodge No. 796....	BROTHER CLIFFORD A. DOXSTADER.	30.00
Republican Lodge No. 325....	BROTHER ADNA FOBES.....	31.00
Eastern Light Lodge No. 126..	BROTHER GILES H. HUBBARD....	33.00
John D. Willard Lodge No. 250.	BROTHER ISAAC WILT.....	32.50
Corner Stone Lodge No. 367..	BROTHER NATHANIEL JACOBS....	33.00
Lodge of Antiquity No. 11....	BROTHER THOMAS J. GITHENS...	35.00
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South Side Lodge No. 493....	BROTHER SANFORD BLYDENBURG..	5.00
Platt Lodge No. 194.....	MRS. JOHANNA SCHMIDT.....	35.00
Hope Lodge No. 244.....	MRS. RUTH E. BEAN.....	39.00
Joppa Lodge No. 201.....	MRS. HONORA GREY.....	39.00
Zeredatha Lodge No. 483.....	MRS. MARY E. BETTS.....	38.00
De Ruyter Lodge No. 692.....	BROTHER SAMSON A. MORSE.....	31.00
Evening Star Lodge No. 75..	BROTHER ELLIOTT MARTINE.....	33.00
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Ivy Lodge No. 397.....	BROTHER JOHN RIFFORD.....	30.00
Worth Lodge No. 210.....	BROTHER NICHOLAS SHAW.....	36.00
Apollo Lodge No. 18.....	BROTHER CORNELIUS SWARTOUT..	10.00
Ivy Lodge No. 397.....	MRS. OLDINE DAVIES.....	33.00
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Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308....	BROTHER EDGAR E. BUCKLEY....	31.00
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Sanctorum Lodge No. 747....	BROTHER NILES NEILSSON.....	33.00
Yonnonadio Lodge No. 163....	BROTHER LOCK McDONALD.....	33.00
Fortitude Lodge No. 19.....	BROTHER JOSEPH COLLETT.....	31.00

# BALANCE SHEET SHOWING EXPENDITURES DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

	April, 1910	May, 1910	June, 1910	July, 1910	August, 1910	Sept., 1910	October, 1910	Nov., 1910	Dec., 1910	Jan., 1911	Feb., 1911	March, 1911	Total.	Total.
<b>Meats.</b>	\$684.62	\$502.96	\$525.30	\$426.02	\$639.31	\$524.60	\$337.05	\$445.06	\$338.70	\$459.97	\$591.82	\$248.74	\$5,744.15	
Bish.	291.64	148.04	153.30	213.45	194.56	145.09	256.14	204.23	232.90	174.70	156.16	211.07	2,381.28	
Vegetables.	157.20	126.13	181.27	106.92	170.99	181.71	116.87	119.04	114.25	83.54	106.24	134.07	1,527.23	
Sugar.	204.95	92.52	202.33	126.70	149.20	154.00	107.90	134.56	99.49	153.13	87.70	104.15	1,616.63	
Butter.	337.51	252.84	223.50	224.72	361.98	392.50	442.03	401.94	486.97	411.24	199.68	184.60	3,919.53	
Eggs.	113.08	135.93	135.93	118.84	200.10	168.40	153.71	153.90	143.57	139.00	127.50	52.94	1,632.41	
Flour.	314.32	149.45	149.45	154.70	158.40	158.40	127.36	156.25	155.47	298.45	143.75	143.75	1,960.30	
Cheese.		6.05	6.00	5.65	13.62		8.40					5.50	45.22	
Canned Goods.							113.40					1,286.25	1,399.35	
Canned Groceries.	188.36	105.92	143.98	141.48	144.46	138.44	111.16	181.88	104.92	145.70	164.73	90.21	1,631.24	
Dressed Poultry.	95.45	21.51	47.84	30.63	16.76	24.73	23.25	96.05	47.49	15.70	24.53	11.90	455.84	
Cereals.	31.46	29.69	27.35	35.28	17.69	35.87	30.10	16.40	26.17	11.08	10.83	11.03	247.67	
Coffee.		71.92		35.28	70.62	66.01	92.98						336.81	
Tea.	73.90	19.55		97.86		97.37		30.63	130.14	129.41			578.86	
Fruit.	52.92	49.05	56.65	82.00	94.76	52.41	46.00	41.52	49.16	37.60	21.05	18.00	452.76	
Potatoes.		60.00		41.77				249.08					340.85	
Tobacco.	83.99	56.25		24.50	41.92	54.20	15.00	22.50	36.15	21.35	18.42	78.78	601.12	
	\$2,600.00	\$1,521.35	\$1,961.49	\$1,857.87	\$2,274.37	\$2,193.73	\$1,981.05	\$2,273.04	\$1,965.38	\$2,080.87	\$1,632.41	\$2,508.69	\$24,871.25	
<b>Dry Goods.</b>	787.23	204.35	614.92	390.40	423.95	372.01	603.84	677.62	320.63	238.92	145.27	64.22	4,843.36	
Clothing.	220.00	111.25	93.00	151.25	87.50	70.50	39.79	84.50	140.50	22.00	77.65		1,109.40	
Shoes.	165.41	30.84	66.83	33.43	144.82	38.29	39.79	85.60	129.07	62.58	30.48	36.95	877.19	
Hats.	80.25	7.50	7.00	19.24	4.50	4.50	34.75	3.00	3.00		3.00	3.50	170.24	
	\$1,252.89	\$353.94	\$781.85	\$594.32	\$660.77	\$498.30	\$729.63	\$850.72	\$593.20	\$323.50	\$256.40	\$104.67	\$7,000.19	
<b>Gas.</b>	29.50	25.40	22.00	19.30	24.00	24.40	24.30	30.30	36.60	32.80	45.30	30.50	344.40	
Electricity.	192.74	154.59	151.53	139.56	174.60	181.68	204.48	507.81	281.34	232.68	263.20	159.58	2,386.12	
Coal.	1,411.33			496.93			1,729.49		841.98	1,610.46	2,051.25	90.31	8,639.56	
Laundry.	7.52	145.02	66.91	74.12	147.44			117.02	60.23	36.03			654.29	
Laundry Supplies.	3.07	11.87			16.28		11.87	16.48	19.21			3.00	81.78	
Soap.	50.77	54.75	51.21	45.50	47.06	51.09	27.70	53.75	203.57	39.10	54.72		679.22	
Water.	111.00	89.54	98.37	100.75	96.27	85.99	96.52	108.92	101.98	103.17	95.28	104.49	1,194.98	
Life Insurance Premiums.	7.30	3.65	2.40	6.40	2.00	11.55	11.85	2.40	7.25	9.00	6.60	4.20	74.60	
Special School %.	182.80	136.65	147.05	170.75	99.75	113.45	215.15	172.00	254.10	188.70	162.70	149.25	1,982.35	
Ground Improvements.	416.88	798.00	173.00	655.68	184.50	104.50	85.50	254.00	61.50	116.25	63.00	72.00	2,984.81	
Children's.	5.00	3.50		43.50	10.00	20.00	5.00	3.12		4.00	7.20		101.32	
Chapel Construction.	54.00						46.00						99.00	
Home Construction.			386.49	120.50	150.84	373.49		434.10	182.95	232.40	568.38		2,449.15	
	\$2,471.91	\$1,422.97	\$1,098.90	\$1,872.99	\$955.74	\$965.85	\$2,456.86	\$1,950.04	\$2,050.71	\$2,504.59	\$3,307.63	\$613.33	\$21,671.58	
<b>Total Forwarded.</b>													\$63,643.02	

## BALANCE SHEET SHOWING EXPENDITURES DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.—(Continued.)

	April, 1910	May, 1910	June, 1910	July, 1910	August, 1910	Sept., 1910	October, 1910	Nov., 1910	Dec., 1910	Jan., 1911	Feb., 1911	March, 1911	Total	Total
Forwarded														
Drugs and Supplies.	\$67.81	\$28.21	\$36.47	\$56.66	\$35.79	\$28.93	\$38.38	\$12.65	\$39.07	\$25.48	\$40.23	\$26.81	\$436.49	\$53,543.02
Dentist.	35.25	3.00	12.50	12.50	43.25	3.00	3.00	43.25	.....	24.22	.....	3.50	96.00	.....
Optician.	.....	.....	11.92	3.00	.....	.....	33.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79.58	.....
	\$67.81	\$66.46	\$48.39	\$72.16	\$35.79	\$28.93	\$77.32	\$55.90	\$39.07	\$49.70	\$40.23	\$30.31	.....	\$612.07
Funeral.	239.00	101.00	66.00	123.00	143.50	146.00	2.00	139.00	102.00	137.75	117.00	.....	1,178.50	.....
Furniture.	135.24	166.60	298.55	157.00	45.08	.....	482.15	523.50	21.40	138.75	12.05	.....	1,980.32	.....
Carpet.	.....	172.97	17.55	45.85	31.28	19.20	111.03	59.40	.....	44.10	.....	56.56	557.94	.....
Crockery.	44.07	8.32	91.27	8.39	77.70	.....	.....	54.08	135.97	21.58	16.50	.....	457.86	.....
Hardware.	13.21	39.95	29.06	26.18	44.61	37.66	.....	10.80	8.57	12.08	19.77	8.96	299.65	.....
House Supplies.	69.88	80.72	75.98	226.85	97.42	115.93	33.15	77.53	53.55	56.28	24.72	64.38	976.39	.....
Entertainment.	24.00	.....	.....	18.00	32.00	12.00	.....	23.00	23.00	29.00	.....	.....	161.00	.....
Stationery and Printing.	35.10	.....	57.25	8.77	15.61	.....	10.00	21.25	120.34	25.18	25.18	6.13	179.29	.....
Postage and Express.	75.24	30.49	67.70	54.73	28.51	40.99	31.94	45.43	120.34	80.60	52.02	29.85	657.84	.....
Telegrams.	3.39	11.21	5.36	4.46	5.55	7.91	2.10	4.97	9.90	9.90	7.11	3.70	65.66	.....
Telephone.	29.54	20.27	14.00	20.12	12.93	25.45	13.55	18.30	23.10	14.75	.....	22.05	214.16	.....
Library.	.....	.....	59.09	.....	59.05	.....	.....	19.91	.....	.....	.....	.....	138.05	.....
Kitchen Repairs.	73.50	.....	.....	.....	58.00	.....	.....	37.50	56.00	41.06	90.15	75.00	244.00	.....
Disinfectants.	126.31	44.57	43.54	24.84	47.08	121.30	123.42	36.29	.....	.....	.....	74.11	828.67	.....
Sundry Items.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$368.48	\$676.10	\$825.35	\$717.19	\$698.32	\$576.44	\$809.44	\$1,049.51	\$585.18	\$448.08	\$364.50	\$340.74	.....	\$7,939.33
Farm Supplies.	78.92	100.69	61.82	75.53	137.55	108.44	75.10	49.97	73.89	52.62	16.16	34.50	865.19	.....
Farm Feed.	460.52	162.93	210.85	133.61	293.82	263.62	305.86	359.66	319.05	281.80	487.43	1,028.53	4,307.68	.....
Farm Implements.	3.62	127.43	74.15	25.23	7.70	.....	32.52	59.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	330.65	.....
Shoeing horses.	19.77	7.25	30.78	3.14	.....	22.90	10.40	.....	16.86	19.20	.....	12.70	142.94	.....
Pigs.	.....	.....	185.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	185.00	.....
Stable.	.....	.....	.....	3.00	1.50	2.75	1.75	36.93	5.81	.....	.....	1.25	52.99	.....
Live poultry.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.34	12.00	50.45	.....	.....	.....	89.79	.....
Cows.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	390.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	390.00	.....
	\$562.77	\$398.30	\$562.60	\$240.51	\$440.57	\$397.71	\$453.97	\$907.56	\$466.06	\$353.62	\$503.59	\$1,076.98	.....	\$6,364.24
Total Forwarded														\$68,458.66

BALANCE SHEET SHOWING EXPENDITURES DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.—(Continued.)

	April, 1910	May, 1910	June, 1910	July, 1910	August, 1910	Sept., 1910	October, 1910	Nov., 1910	Dec., 1910	Jan., 1911	Feb., 1911	March, 1911	Total.	Total.
<b>Forwarded.</b>														
Engineer's Supplies.....	162.84	214.38	347.20	152.96	\$10.05	\$17.96	97.88	.....	288.67	\$1.25	152.15	\$11.79	\$83.93	<b>\$68,488.66</b>
Plumbing.....	126.55	45.24	.....	91.56	356.10	226.12	.....	.....	288.67	30.58	40.62	2,049.50	2,049.50	
Paint and Glass.....	248.85	413.43	288.83	550.06	64.49	30.15	46.72	79.22	59.42	38.66	42.80	25.48	660.29	
Repair to Buildings.....	15.00	15.00	.....	15.00	332.83	486.32	279.59	136.50	1,138.24	120.13	163.12	114.18	4,372.08	
Special Case.....	.....	.....	526.01	.....	15.00	98.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	180.00	
Painting Buildings.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94.30	.....	.....	.....	89.30	.....	.....	.....	807.91	<b>\$8,013.71</b>
School Supplies.....	\$553.24	\$688.05	\$1,177.04	\$809.58	\$872.77	\$873.85	\$439.19	\$230.72	\$1,583.51	\$205.62	\$378.07	\$207.07	.....	
School Carriages.....	9.75	6.80	42.67	3.34	4.35	75.27	87.89	56.12	31.51	37.33	31.98	21.85	408.86	
Manual Training Supplies.....	123.05	74.50	77.10	22.82	6.10	100.15	117.15	111.30	89.10	111.75	107.55	99.45	1,039.83	
Children's Library.....	.....	.....	16.50	5.81	27.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.73	
Theresa Guttridge %.....	.....	.....	.....	124.75	130.79	70.62	51.14	80.65	581.17	.....	3.00	.....	1,042.12	<b>\$3,076.53</b>
Headstone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44.00	22.00	16.50	22.00	22.00	27.50	22.00	176.00	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	140.00	.....	360.00	
.....	\$132.80	\$81.30	\$136.27	\$156.52	\$168.66	\$410.04	\$278.18	\$264.57	\$723.78	\$271.08	\$310.08	\$143.30	.....	
<b>SALARIES AND WAGES:</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Home.....	1,765.48	1,763.69	1,726.00	1,829.94	1,731.80	1,743.52	1,895.68	1,731.74	1,872.33	1,811.69	1,831.28	1,801.44	21,504.59	<b>\$39,318.44</b>
Memorial Building.....	150.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	177.50	175.00	175.00	175.00	180.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	1,982.50	
Physician.....	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	1,800.00	
Nurses.....	258.00	274.00	258.00	264.00	280.00	291.70	235.00	242.20	230.00	228.80	230.00	243.72	3,032.00	
Laundry.....	280.96	240.84	247.71	282.85	244.21	284.84	285.58	248.09	285.83	260.84	248.33	243.72	3,107.80	
Engineer and Fireman.....	356.00	356.00	350.00	350.00	370.00	350.00	350.00	323.35	350.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	3,727.20	
Farm.....	345.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	327.35	305.00	305.00	345.00	345.00	4,072.35	
Manual Training.....	.....	.....	12.00	60.00	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112.00	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,305.44</b>	<b>\$3,199.53</b>	<b>\$3,168.71</b>	<b>\$3,361.79</b>	<b>\$3,243.51</b>	<b>\$3,229.06</b>	<b>\$3,363.11</b>	<b>\$3,197.73</b>	<b>\$3,373.16</b>	<b>\$3,259.33</b>	<b>\$3,319.61</b>	<b>\$3,207.46</b>	<b>\$39,318.44</b>	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,305.44</b>	<b>\$3,199.53</b>	<b>\$3,168.71</b>	<b>\$3,361.79</b>	<b>\$3,243.51</b>	<b>\$3,229.06</b>	<b>\$3,363.11</b>	<b>\$3,197.73</b>	<b>\$3,373.16</b>	<b>\$3,259.33</b>	<b>\$3,319.61</b>	<b>\$3,207.46</b>	<b>\$118,867.34</b>	

**MAINTENANCE:**

Salaries and Wages. Home and School....	\$23,467	09	
Wages. Manual Training.....	112	00	
Table Expenses.....	24,871	25	
Heating.....	8,639	56	
Gas and Electricity.....	2,730	52	
Printing and Stationery.....	179	29	
House Supplies.....	976	39	
Water.....	1,194	98	
School Supplies.....	408	86	
Disinfectants.....	244	00	
Postage, Express, Freight and Cartage....	657	84	
Crockery.....	457	86	
Hardware.....	299	65	
Kitchen Supplies.....	138	05	
Miscellaneous.....	653	87	
Manual Training Supplies.....	49	73	
Life Insurance Premiums.....	74	60	— \$65,155 54

**BOILERS, ENGINEER AND FIREMEN:**

Wages.....	\$3,727	20	
Supplies.....	53	93	— 3,781 13

**MEDICAL:**

Physician's and Nurses' Salaries.....	\$4,832	00	
Drugs, Medicines, etc.....	436	49	
Dentist.....	96	00	
Optician.....	79	58	— 5,444 07

**LAUNDRY:**

Wages.....	\$3,107	80	
Supplies (wax, starch, etc.).....	81	78	
Soap.....	679	22	— 3,868 80

**EXPENSE OF INMATES:**

Clothing.....	\$1,109	40	
Dry Goods.....	4,843	36	
Shoes.....	877	19	
Hats.....	170	24	— 7,000 19

Forward..... \$85,249 73



Forwarded..... \$85,249 73

MISCELLANEOUS:

Telegrams.....	\$65 66	
Telephone.....	214 16	
Entertainment.....	161 00	
Children.....	101 32—	542 14

SPECIAL CASE..... 180 00

\$85,971 87

FARM AND BARNs:

Wages.....	\$4,072 35
Feed, Grains and Hay.....	4,307 68
Cost of cows purchased.....	390 00
Cost of pigs purchased.....	185 00
Farm supplies and labor.....	865 19
Shoeing Horses.....	142 94
Live Poultry purchased.....	89 79
Stable supplies.....	52 99

\$10,105 94

CREDITS:

Farm produce sold.....	\$132 92	
Produce raised and used.....	11,260 00—	11,392 92
Over and above expenses.....		\$1,286 98
		<u>\$84,684 89</u>

An itemized account of the above produce appears on the  
Home ledger at the prevailing daily market prices.

INVENTORY of March 31, 1910.. 17,514 46

\$102,199 35

INVENTORY of March 31, 1911, specified in items in Inventory

Book.....	15,637 05
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Actual cost of maintenance..... \$86,562 30

The average for the past twelve months equals four hundred and fifteen (415) members.

The current expenses of the Home for maintenance are \$36,562.30 showing a per capita cost of \$208.58 for twelve months.

The membership of the Home on March 31, 1910, was four hundred and two (402). From April 1, 1910, to March 31, 1911, eighty-five (85) members have been received at the Home. By the death of thirty eight (38) members and the withdrawal of twenty-four (24) members the membership on March 31, 1911 was four hundred and twenty-five (425), showing an actual increase of twenty-three (23) members.

The amount expended for higher education, including expenses to and from the City Schools, and the amount expended for the education of Theresa C. Gutteridge, one of our girls at present in the Oneonta State Normal School, will be reimbursed by the Trustees from the Higher Education Account.

The increase in the per capita cost this year is due to several reasons. The item of coal exceeds that of last year by about \$1,700.00, due to the fact that the bills for the greater part of this amount were not received until after the Report for 1910 was finished. The fact, also, that we have an increase of twenty-three (23), at the per capita cost, would add \$4,800.00 extra.

The matter of compensation for labor in this section is becoming serious. Domestic help is very hard to obtain, owing to the great number of mills in operation, and exorbitant wages are demanded. This increase has been in every department. It was necessary, to retain farm-hands, to increase their wages materially. The same with the firemen and, particularly, with the female help.

Our actual table expenses are less than last year, but the increase is due as above explained.

The Dormitories of our Hospital are overcrowded. We have fifty-six men and women, who are helpless as far as their being able to care for themselves, who are permanently lodged in these Dormitories. This, of course, does not include the patients in the Hospital.

The great increase in our Children's Department has added to the expense somewhat.

We were unfortunate during the summer as hog cholera visited our piggery and before it could be checked, we lost eighty-nine (89) pigs. Notwithstanding this terrible loss, the piggery has furnished to the Home during the past year, 18,239 pounds of pork.

The farm cottage, barns, stables, chicken houses, piggery and silos were thoroughly overhauled and repainted during the past summer

This was quite an item of expense, but the buildings had not been painted in fifteen years and needed a dressing badly. They are now in excellent shape.

A simple but durable fence has been erected on either side of the road-way running to the rear and entirely around our buildings, which was quite an item of expense in itself. It was necessary to do this because of the location of the Chapel, and, especially, that of the new coal bin and Laundry, which extend to the south of the grounds, a considerable distance from the Home proper.

#### ADDITONS AND BETTERMENTS:

Lumber.....	\$654 29	
Furniture.....	1,980 32	
Carpets.....	557 94	
Children's Library.....	1,042 12	
Farm Implements.....	330 65	
Ground Improvements.....	2,984 81	
Home Construction.....	2,449 15	
Chapel Construction.....	99 00—	\$10,098 28

#### REPAIRS TO HOME BUILDINGS:

Plumbing.....	\$2,049 50	
Paints and Glass.....	650 29	
Painting Buildings.....	807 91	
Repairs and additions to buildings.....	4,272 08—	7,779 78
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		\$17,878 06

#### CASH STATEMENT SHOWING EXPENSES MASONIC HOME FROM APRIL 1, 1910 TO APRIL 1, 1911.

##### SUMMARY RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 1, 1910, as per last report..	\$1,809 45
Cash from Trustees Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.....	115,970 66
Received from Lodges to reimburse funeral expenses.....	1,178 50
Cash received from Lodges for headstones....	360 00
Cash received from sale of farm produce.....	132 92—
	\$119,451 53

##### SUMMARY DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash as per itemized statement.....	\$118,867 34
Cash on hand March 31, 1911.....	584 19—
	\$119,451 53

Changes in the Register by Death have been as follows:

Reg. No.	Date of Death.	Name.	Age.	Service.	Place of Internment.
887	1910	John Grobé.	82	Masonic.	Cohocton, N. Y.
861	March	Theodosius Byington.	89		Home Plot.
245	27	Ann Crooks.	87		Brooklyn, N. Y.
466	28	Mary E. Child.	76	John R. Harding, D. D.	Home Plot.
855	29	Mary F. Chapman.	68		Dresden, N. Y.
893	29	Harvey E. Sweazy.	56		Lalip, N. Y.
866	14	Marvin M. Tanner.	78		Albany, N. Y.
973	1	William Thorndley.	74	Masonic.	Home Plot.
1042	16	James W. Adams.	76	Masonic.	Home Plot.
965	18	Andrew Bailey.	77		Smithville, N. Y.
739	21	Andrew J. Boden.	74		Brooklyn, N. Y.
809	21	Giles Hubbard.	84	Masonic.	Home Plot.
211	8	Neils Nellson.	74	Masonic.	Home Plot.
23	1	Edwin Busfield.	81		Hancock, N. Y.
768	22	Clifford Doxstader.	50		Newville, N. Y.
471	23	Anthony D. Joynes.	73		Hornell, N. Y.
805	24	Adna Fobes.	64	Masonic.	Home Plot.
535	29	Sanford Blydenburg.	77	Masonic.	Home Plot.
919	31	John H. Smith.	77		Geneva, Ohio.
1027	17	Isaac Wilt.	68		Brooklyn, N. Y.
492	20	Nathaniel Jacobs.	83		Brooklyn, N. Y.
50	24	Mary E. Betts.	79		Home Plot.
1039	26	Thomas J. Githens.	74	John R. Harding, D. D.	Home Plot.
797	5	Elliot Martine.	75	Masonic.	Albany, N. Y.
709	7	Johanna Schmidt.	77		Home Plot.
879	18	Ruth E. Bean.	79	Rev. E. H. Coley.	Home Plot.
980	21	Honora Grey.	75	Rev. T. F. Alexander.	Home Plot.
26	31	John W. Lewis.	77	Rev. E. H. Coley.	Home Plot.
190	2	Warren L. Buckland.	71	Masonic.	Utica, N. Y.
790	15	Samson A. Morse.	76	Masonic.	Brighton, N. Y.
837	17	Samuel F. Fairchild.	78		Home Plot.
141	29	Nicholas Shaw.	78	Masonic.	Owego, N. Y.
1060	12	John Rifford.	72		Home Plot.
11	23	Oldine Davies.	74		Brooklyn, N. Y.
1069	28	Edgar E. Buckley.	59	Rev. T. F. Alexander.	Home Plot.
					Dresden, N. Y.
900	1911	J. Carlton Norris.	61		Marion, N. Y.
877	Feb.	Lock McDonald.	81	Masonic.	Home Plot.
1020	25	Joseph Collett.	70		Brooklyn, N. Y.

## REGISTER.—(Continued from last Report.)

No.	Date Received.	Name	Relation-ship.	Lodge Recommending.	No.	District.
1910						
1039	Mar. 31	Thomas J. Githens.....	Mason	Antiquity	111	4
1040	31	Sarah A. Githens.....	Wife	Antiquity	111	4
1041	Apr. 4	Cornelia Higgins.....	Widow	Pioneer	20	4
1042	20	James W. Adams.....	Mason	Winfield	581	19
1043	21	John Barnett.....	Mason	Columbian	484	7
1044	May 6	Peter Hagan.....	Orphan	Pentalphia	744	8
1045	6	Eleanor Hagan.....	Orphan	Pentalphia	744	8
1046	6	Herman Hagan.....	Orphan	Pentalphia	744	8
1047	13	Francis Forgue.....	Orphan	La Clem. Amit.	410	10
1048	13	Charles Forgue.....	Orphan	La Clem. Amit.	410	10
1049	17	Celia Turner.....	Orphan	Weiland	714	9
1050	17	William Turner.....	Orphan	Weiland	714	9
1051	18	Sampson Hogle.....	Orphan	Oriental	224	26
1052	18	Bradford F. Howell.....	Mason	Jordan	386	27
1053	19	Amy Prentice.....	Widow	Sauquoit	150	26
1054	21	George Baldwin.....	Mason	Golden Rule	770	8
1055	23	Charles C. Reed.....	Mason	Crescent	402	6
1056	23	Mary E. Reed.....	Wife	Crescent	402	6
1057	24	Jacob W. Vanderhoof.....	Mason	Humanity	406	32
1058	24	Lucinda Vanderhoof.....	Wife	Humanity	406	32
1059	25	William J. Duncan.....	Mason	Citizens	628	7
1060	26	John Rifford.....	Mason	Ivy	397	29
1061	26	Isabella Rifford.....	Wife	Ivy	397	29
1062	30	George Cornwall.....	Mason	Theresa	174	24
1063	June 14	Elmira F. Wilson.....	Widow	Euclid	656	2
1064	23	William R. Page.....	Mason	Amicable	664	26
1065	23	Helen Page.....	Wife	Amicable	664	26
1066	28	John Roper.....	Mason	Wawarsing	582	15
1067	July 2	Ellen Thornton.....	Widow	St. Albans	56	3
1068	July 5	Addison B. Deane.....	Mason	Deposit	396	28
1069	5	Alonzo B. Hoyt.....	Mason	Joppa	201	3
1070	5	Sarah J. Hoyt.....	Wife	Joppa	201	3
1071	6	Eliza J. Ayers.....	Orphan	Ulster	193	15
1072	6	Ida M. Ayers.....	Orphan	Ulster	193	15
1073	12	Jeanette Allen.....	Orphan	N. Constellation	291	41
1074	12	Isabel C. V. Allen.....	Orphan	N. Constellation	291	41
1075	19	Susan Huff.....	Widow	Copestone	641	7
1076	28	Alexander Wentworth.....	Mason	Randolph	359	39
1077	Aug. 26	William J. Bisbee.....	Orphan	Oswegatchie	687	23
1078	Sept. 12	Joseph H. Ford.....	Mason	Fairport	476	33
1079	13	Kenneth S. Crane.....	Orphan	Valley	109	33
1080	22	Sarah A. Watson.....	Widow	King Sol. Prim.	91	17
1081	Oct. 5	Isaac G. Bain.....	Mason	Erie	161	38
1082	10	Charles H. Faul.....	Orphan	Syracuse	501	27
1083	12	Frank Morales.....	Mason	La Fraternidad	387	10
1084	13	Edna P. Gordon.....	Orphan	Salt Springs	520	27
1085	13	Ruth M. Gordon.....	Orphan	Salt Springs	520	27

## REGISTER.—(Continued from last Report.)

No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge Recommending.	No.	Dis-trict.
1910						
1086	25	Oliver P. Williams.....	Mason	De Ruyter	692	27
1087	25	Harriet Williams.....	Wife	De Ruyter	692	27
1088	26	Anna Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1089	26	Dorothy Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1090	26	Helen Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1091	26	Martha Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1092	26	Ruth Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1093	27	Helen A. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1094	27	Mary R. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1095	27	Louise M. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1096	27	Lewis J. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1097	Oct. 29	Samuel H. Lyon.....	Mason	North Star	107	41
1098	29	Charlotte Lyon.....	Wife	North Star	107	41
1099	Nov. 2	Edgar E. Buckley.....	Mason	Seneca Lake	308	31
1100	12	Artemitia Kimball.....	Widow	Watertown	49	24
1101	12	Charles A. Clark.....	Mason	Speedville	265	30
1102	21	Chauncey N. Shipman...	Mason	Ivy	397	29
1103	22	Clarinda M. Hewes.....	Widow	Union Star	320	33
1104	23	Thomas H. Schoonmaker	Mason	St. Pauls	124	30
1105	Dec. 23	Milton H. Linebeck.....	Mason	Oriental	224	26
1106	27	William F. Heinzelman..	Orphan	Columbian	484	7
1911						
1107	Jan. 22	Henry Shaw.....	Mason	Herkimer	423	19
1108	23	Alonzo A. Renton.....	Mason	United States	207	5
1109	24	Nicholas Vischer.....	Mason	Clinton	140	21
1110	27	Lewis E. Stebbins.....	Mason	Canastota	231	27
1111	28	Mortimer E. Morgan....	Mason	Acacia	327	6
1112	Feb. 9	Silas C. Brown.....	Mason	Yew Tree	461	2
1113	16	Elvira J. Fields.....	Orphan	De Molay	498	38
1114	16	Joseph H. Fields.....	Orphan	De Molay	498	38
1115	16	Alfred E. Fields.....	Orphan	De Molay	498	38
1116	22	William Cook.....	Mason	Hamilton	120	27
1117	22	Evaline Cook.....	Wife	Hamilton	120	27
1118	Mar. 18	Henry Roberts.....	Mason	Arcturus	274	6
1119	18	Stephen S. Stryker.....	Mason	Oriental	224	26
1120	20	Frank E. Gordon.....	Orphan	Salt Springs	520	27
1121	22	James B. Hallock.....	Orphan	Oneida	270	27
1122	22	Charles G. Hallock.....	Orphan	Oneida	270	27
1123	25	Richard Manning.....	Mason	Utica	47	26

Other changes in the Register have been as follows:

No.	Date.	Name.	Disposition.
1910			
1017	May 16	Louisa Bakenhus.....	Withdrew
598	16	Sarah Candee.....	Expelled
207	June 8	Philip F. Shutler.....	Withdrew, having completed college course.
737	13	Ella M. Snyder.....	Withdrew "age limit"
853	16	Peter W. Holmgren.....	Expelled
502	July 6	Hazel E. Campbell.....	Withdrew "age limit"
957	8	John McNeilly.....	Expelled
119	25	Merle A. Greene.....	Withdrew "age limit"
621	Aug. 20	Marie L. May.....	Withdrew "age limit"
899	23	Edward W. May.....	Expelled
729	Sept. 18	Phoebe Lower.....	Withdrew
252	Oct. 3	Amelia Dittwald.....	Withdrew "age limit"
1038	6	Hiram Cheney.....	Dismissed
1040	18	Sarah Githens.....	Withdrawn
723	27	Henry Roberts.....	Dismissed
974	27	Mary Thorneley.....	Withdrawn
884	Nov. 17	Thomas Fleming.....	Expelled
1043	Dec. 21	John Barnett.....	Withdrew
1911			
451	Feb. 4	Kathleen Hadewig.....	Withdrew "age limit"
1077	10	William J. Bisbee.....	Withdrawn
772	10	Laura Wood.....	Withdrawn
773	10	Margaret Wood.....	Withdrawn
574	15	James Dixon.....	Withdrew
1088	Mar. 3	Anna Dickson.....	Withdrew

RECEIVED.						CHANGES.
	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Total	
1910						
April .....	3	2	0	0	5	Males withdrew.....3
May .....	7	4	6	2	19	Males died.....30
June .....	2	2	0	0	4	Males dismissed.....6
July .....	3	3	0	4	10	Females withdrew...4
August .....	0	0	1	0	1	Females dismissed...1
September .....	1	1	1	0	3	Females died.....8
October .....	4	2	2	10	18	Boys withdrew.....2
November .....	4	2	0	0	6	Girls withdrew.....8
December .....	1	0	1	0	2	
1911						
January .....	5	0	0	0	5	
February .....	2	1	2	1	6	
March .....	3	0	3	0	6	
Total .....	35	17	16	17	85	Total..... 62

April 1, 1910, Inmates as reported. ....402

March 31, 1911, Gain as above specified 23

Total.....425 as follows

Men.....197  
 Women.....113  
 Boys.....50  
 Girls.....65

Average number of inmates for year.....415

The lowest number was in April 1910.....413

The highest number was in March 1911.....425

There is no waiting list at this date.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation our sincere thanks to many of the Lodges and Brethren, who, by their liberality and kindness during the Christmas holidays, aided us in making the Yuletide one of rejoicing for both old and young. And, each and every Member of the Home joins me in expressing their deep gratitude to the Brethren for their courtesy and thoughtfulness. We wish it were possible for the Members of the different Lodges who have done so much, to be with us on that day to see the happiness that reigns, for we know that they would rejoice with us. ■

We also desire to express our thanks to those who are enumerated in detail on these pages for their kindness in sending for the Children many articles of use.

In this Annual Report, we have shown each and every item as it appears on the Home Books, for the statement herewith is a fac-simile of the Home Books, and we have a receipt, properly audited for every item appearing thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. WILEY,

Superintendent.



## REGISTER OF INMATES AT THE MASONIC HOME.

No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	Dis-trict.
1893						
1	May 1	Margaret A. Boden . . . .	Widow	Greenwich	467	7
8	10	Maria L. Post . . . . .	Widow	Harlem	457	7
9	10	Arthur E. Obbard . . . .	Mason	Acanthus	719	3
18	18	Ada Thompson . . . . .	Widow	Independent	185	5
35	July 1	John Wray . . . . .	Mason	Clinton	453	2
51	Nov. 7	Lydia A. White . . . . .	Widow	Republican	325	25
54	13	Harriet C. Ufford . . . .	Widow	Baron Steuben	264	26
60	Dec. 26	Lois A. Bennett . . . . .	Widow	Philpistown	236	12
1894						
87	May 8	John J. Brown . . . . .	Mason	Morrisville	658	27
1895						
124	Mar. 16	Hiram Cartwright . . . .	Mason	Frontier	517	41
1896						
193	Mar. 19	John Rick . . . . .	Mason	Oriental	224	26
196	Apr. 2	Charles G. Benson . . . .	Mason	Stony Point	313	13
199	May 9	Theresa C. Gutteridge . . .	Orphan	Erie	161	38
204	June 1	Julia B. Friend . . . . .		Puritan	339	6
217	Aug. 26	Anthony G. Dobrenti . . .	Mason	Doric	280	6
220	Oct. 7	John Haw . . . . .	Mason	Bethel	733	8
221	21	August Clausen . . . . .	Mason	Glen Cove	580	1
222	Nov. 3	Emily A. Betts . . . . .	Widow	Citizens'	628	7
223	6	Elizabeth Augente . . . .	Orphan	Garibaldi	542	10
229	24	William F. Irving . . . .	Mason	Keystone	235	5
1897						
253	Mar. 26	Elsie Dittwald . . . . .	Orphan	Lessing	608	9
256	Apr. 16	Harriet St. John . . . . .	Widow	Sylvan Grove	275	6
261	May 19	Mary Dadson . . . . .	Widow	Manitou	106	4
274	July 27	Caroline McKee . . . . .	Widow	Genesee Falls	507	33
277	29	Purdy Fisher . . . . .	Mason	Huguenot	46	12
297	Nov. 19	William O. Cameron . . . .	Mason	Manitou	106	4
1898						
310	Jan. 3	Melvin M. Morse . . . . .	Mason	Olive Branch	40	19
315	18	James Berry . . . . .	Mason	Oriental	224	26
343	June 6	Sarah McLoughlan . . . .	Widow	Wildwood	477	23
345	8	William T. Bolton . . . .	Mason	Pacific	233	5
350	Aug. 2	Margaret Gooden . . . . .	Widow	St. John's	1	4
356	Nov. 2	Elizabeth Berry . . . . .	Wife	Oriental	224	26
359	Dec. 8	Edward S. Brown . . . . .	Mason	Niagara	375	37
362	17	John L. Thompson . . . .	Mason	Corinthian	488	7
1899						
375	Feb. 2	Martha R. Davis . . . . .	Widow	Carthage	158	24
387	Apr. 26	Sophie Duerscheidt . . . .	Widow	Oltmans	446	2

## REGISTER OF INMATES.—(Continued.)

No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	Dis- trict.
396	1899					
406	Aug. 5	James Child.....	Mason	Genesee Falls	507	33
	Nov. 22	Frank M. Spencer.....	Mason	Ancient		
407				Landmarks	441	38
408	23	George Patton.....	Mason	Corinthian	488	7
	23	Caroline Patton.....	Wife	Corinthian	488	7
416	1900					
419	Feb. 19	Henry C. Shadbolt.....	Mason	Jephtha	494	1
432	Apr. 11	Rachael McLean.....	Widow	Milo	108	31
435	May 30	Mary A. Verey.....	Widow	Yonnondio	163	33
435	June 7	Joseph E. Swan.....	Mason	New London	420	26
436	Aug. 30	Nancy A. Brown.....	Widow	Ivy	397	29
437	Sept. 6	Louis C. Gonter.....	Mason	Wellsville	230	35
443	Nov. 16	Caroline Halsey.....	Widow	St. Nicholas	321	6
445	20	Dwight E. Allen.....	Mason	Syracuse	501	27
446	20	Lucy A. Allen.....	Wife	Syracuse	501	27
447	Dec. 8	Robert B. Keyser.....	Mason	Atlantic	178	5
449	19	William W. Sriver.....	Mason	Frontier	517	41
453	1901					
454	Jan. 21	Patrick McCarthy.....	Mason	Ionic	486	7
459	24	Charles Robb.....	Mason	Ark	48	15
460	Feb. 19	Jacob C. Hovey.....	Mason	Avoca	673	34
467	20	Albert W. Pratt.....	Mason	Tecumseh	487	7
478	Apr. 25	Ann Rich.....	Widow	Eastern Star	227	5
483	June 4	Maria L. Crocker.....	Widow	Joppa	201	3
487	20	Theresa H. Weigandt.....	Widow	Ocean	156	4
493	July 9	Benjamin Brown.....	Mason	Genoa	421	30
497	Sept. 25	Absolum Wemple.....	Mason	Park	516	7
503	Oct. 8	Louise A. Pearson.....	Widow	Harlem	457	7
504	Nov. 25	Katherine Vetere.....	Orphan	Italia	786	10
505	25	Vittoria Vetere.....	Orphan	Italia	786	10
509	Dec. 4	Annibale Vetere.....	Orphan	Italia	786	10
510	5	John C. Clifford.....	Mason	Vienna	440	26
512	13	Franklin C. Eldred.....	Mason	Canaseraga	781	35
		Jacob E. Altoeff.....	Orphan	Shakespeare	750	8
518	1902					
536	Feb. 25	John V. Howell.....	Mason	Ivy	397	29
537	28	Mabel A. Whitten.....	Orphan	Cambridge	662	3
540	Apr. 14	Mary B. Blydenburg.....	Widow	South Side	493	1
541	29	Lauren H. Tuttle.....	Mason	Addison Union	118	34
542	May 14	Wyness Conrad.....	Mason	Maine	399	28
543	23	Helen C. Lanz.....	Orphan	Gramercy	537	7
544	23	Fred L. Lanz.....	Orphan	Gramercy	537	7
545	23	Leonard C. Lanz.....	Orphan	Gramercy	537	7
548	June 23	Celestia E. Booth.....	Widow	Ahwaga	587	29
552	July 31	Emma B. Johnson.....	Widow	Poughkeepsie	266	14

## REGISTER OF INMATES.—(Continued.)

No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	District.
1892						
555	Aug. 12	George A. Bean.....	Mason	Dundee	123	31
557	Sept. 22	Robert W. Reynolds...	Mason	National	209	5
563	Nov. 5	Mary Williamson.....	Widow	Oriental	224	26
566	Dec. 20	Miriam B. Morris.....	Orphan	Corner Stone	367	2
1903						
569	Jan. 20	Alexander B. Vedder....	Mason	Stissing	615	14
571	Feb. 27	Augusta Narvesen.....	Widow	Mystic Tie	272	6
575	Feb. 6	William P. McLennan...	Mason	Neptune	317	6
583	Mar. 18	Emma Gessl.....	Widow	Harmonie	699	38
592	Apr. 17	Henry G. Kimber.....	Mason	Ancient	724	8
593	May 4	Blanche Williams.....	Orphan	Oswego	127	25
602	25	Hannah M. Powell.....	Widow	Niagara	375	37
607	July 18	Robert W. McKeever...	Mason	Architect	519	7
608	Sept. 2	John Sunderland.....	Mason	Cassia	445	2
609	Oct. 10	Ruth K. Carson.....	Orphan	York	197	5
611	Nov. 2	Newton Graves.....	Mason	Boonville	165	26
612	2	Caroline Graves.....	Wife	Boonville	165	26
614	30	Alfred T. Wheeler.....	Mason	Onondaga	802	27
1904						
615	Jan. 17	Henry J. Blass.....	Orphan	Solon	771	9
622	Feb. 11	Alma H. May.....	Orphan	United States	207	5
623	11	Adolph J. May.....	Orphan	United States	207	5
627	Mar. 23	Edward P. Pomeroy....	Mason	Savannah	764	32
628	28	Sarah E. Snyder.....	Widow	King Sol. Prim.	91	17
630	29	John Mull.....	Mason	Wadsworth	417	17
631	29	Mary E. Mull.....	Wife	Wadsworth	417	17
641	June 15	Elizabeth Bunnell.....	Widow	Corinthian	488	7
642	15	Elizabeth A. Henderson.	Widow	Scotia	634	7
643	16	Marion V. Smith.....	Orphan	Yonnondio	163	33
645	16	Ruth A. Smith.....	Orphan	Yonnondio	163	33
646	28	George W. Rapp.....	Mason	Henrietta	526	33
647	July 28	Charles F. Miller.....	Mason	Ezel	372	3
651	Sept. 26	John A. Spaulding.....	Mason	Stissing	615	14
652	Oct. 6	Mabel Z. Mathews.....	Orphan	Tompkins	471	11
653	6	Marguerite E. Mathews..	Orphan	Tompkins	471	11
654	6	Ruth A. Mathews.....	Orphan	Tompkins	471	11
655	6	John T. Martin.....	Mason	Hopewell	596	7
656	15	Rose Lanz.....	Orphan	Gramercy	537	7
657	15	Ruben J. Gifford.....	Mason	Ilion	591	19
658	28	Jane E. Cherry.....	Widow	Oneida	270	27
661	Nov. 17	Harriet A. Clendenning..	Widow	Union	95	29
662	Dec. 22	Nathan D. Haley.....	Mason	Uriel	809	26
663	26	George Adams.....	Mason	Clinton	169	26
1905						
664	Jan. 17	Henry F. Schultz.....	Mason	Long Island	382	3

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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relationship.	Lodge.	No.	District.
1905						
669	Mar. 31	Sarah N. Pruyn .....	Widow	Sincerity	200	31
670	Apr. 5	William H. Otley .....	Mason	York	197	5
673	June 7	Charles W. Torrey .....	Mason	Nepperhan	736	12
675	July 15	Norman N. Phillips .....	Orphan	Marion	278	6
676	15	Josephine S. Phillips .....	Orphan	Marion	278	6
678	18	Harriet J. Allen .....	Widow	Seneca River	160	27
680	18	Hazel M. Potter .....	Orphan	Goshen	365	13
681	18	Bertram M. Potter .....	Orphan	Goshen	365	13
684	Aug. 25	James W. Pounds .....	Mason	Hudson River	607	13
685	28	David Gilliland .....	Mason	Morning Star	524	27
695	Sept. 29	Ira Spencer .....	Mason	De Ruyter	692	27
696	Oct. 2	Sula D. Hicks .....	Widow	Apollo	13	17
697	2	Isaac O. Hatfield .....	Mason	Syrian	618	2
698	2	Henry J. Vaughan .....	Mason	Oneonta	466	18
699	2	Maurilla H. Vaughan .....	Wife	Oneonta	466	18
702	8	Anthony Daly .....	Mason	Mountain	529	15
706	Dec. 7	Ragnild Hanson .....	Widow	Greenwood	569	3
1906						
712	Jan. 7	J. Adam Young .....	Mason	Richmond	66	11
715	19	Dudley Frink .....	Mason	Ransomville	551	37
717	Feb. 13	George W. Roraback .....	Mason	Sunnyside	731	17
718	13	Mary C. Roraback .....	Wife	Sunnyside	731	17
721	Mar. 4	Mary A. Reynolds .....	Widow	Pioneer	20	4
722	7	Herman E. Case .....	Mason	Afton	360	28
724	15	William Onyans .....	Mason	Ilion	591	19
726	Apr. 4	Wallace W. Locke .....	Mason	Old Oak	253	29
727	6	Edward Carlier .....	Mason	Marble	702	12
731	May 15	Mary J. Corsa .....	Widow	Naphthali	752	8
734	31	Clark R. Nash .....	Mason	Sanger	129	26
742	Aug. 26	Julius M. Button .....	Mason	Sanger	129	26
743	Sept. 3	Antoinette E. Johnson .....	Widow	Palmyra	248	32
748	Oct. 20	Lucinda Armstrong .....	Widow	Van Rensselaer	400	17
752	Nov. 1	Julia Eller .....	Widow	Crescent	402	6
753	2	Fred H. Bell .....	Mason	Macedonia	258	35
754	15	Mary W. Smith .....	Widow	Commonwealth	409	3
755	27	Maude M. Moerke .....	Orphan	Kedron	803	3
756	27	Josephine Moerke .....	Orphan	Kedron	803	3
757	27	Frank R. Moerke .....	Orphan	Kedron	803	3
760	Dec. 3	Carrie Wilkinson .....	Widow	Tuscan	704	2
761	3	Clarence Wilkinson .....	Orphan	Tuscan	704	2
763	21	Sarah M. Bowne .....	Widow	Anglo Saxon	137	3
765	21	Eva L. Sloane .....	Orphan	Greenwich	467	1
766	26	Wash'ton R. Sutherland .....	Mason	Friendship	153	29
1907						
769	Jan. 4	Mary M. Doxstader .....	Widow	Dolgeville	796	19
770	4	Solomon Harrison .....	Mason	Hornellsville	331	34

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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	District.
1907						
774	Mar. 2	John H. Hardenburg.....	Mason	Ulster	193	15
775	6	Philip Shultis.....	Mason	Kingston	10	15
776	11	Lucy A. Swartout.....	Widow	Apollo	13	17
777	12	Robert Q. Keach.....	Orphan	St. George's	6	17
778	12	Eleanor Keach.....	Orphan	St. George's	6	17
782	Apr. 2	Carrie K. Dow.....	Widow	Painted Post	117	34
784	30	Jennie Heyward.....	Widow	Progressive	354	2
785	May 1	Louis M. Smit.....	Mason	National	209	5
787	20	Sam H. Brown.....	Mason	Waverly	407	29
788	20	William Holborow.....	Mason	Benevolent	28	4
791	June 4	Paul N. Thompson.....	Orphan	Crystal Wave	638	3
792	4	George G. Thompson.....	Orphan	Crystal Wave	638	3
793	4	Lydia A. Thompson.....	Orphan	Crystal Wave	638	3
794	29	Henry Held.....	Mason	Park	516	7
798	July 15	Franklin J. McKelvey....	Orphan	Yonnondio	163	33
799	15	Charles D. McKelvey....	Orphan	Yonnondio	163	33
800	16	Louis F. Pinek.....	Mason	Germania	722	33
802	26	Jose N. Buchardin.....	Mason	Polar Star	245	5
803	26	James Handy.....	Mason	Polar Star	245	5
804	21	William Solis.....	Mason	Concord	50	4
806	Aug. 24	John P. Randall.....	Mason	Warsaw	549	36
807	28	David Somes.....	Mason	Coboes	116	17
810	Sept. 5	Lusetta N. Hubbard....	Widow	Eastern Light	126	28
811	6	Frances Newkirk.....	Widow	Kingston	10	15
813	23	Jennie H. Evans.....	Widow	Lowville	134	24
814	23	Henry P. Hendrickson...	Mason	Architect	519	7
823	Oct. 29	Charles D. Branch.....	Mason	Hiram	144	25
824	29	John A. Bingham.....	Orphan	Matinecock	806	1
825	29	Thomas A. Bingham.....	Orphan	Matinecock	806	1
826	29	Thelma M. Bingham....	Orphan	Matinecock	806	1
827	29	Alice M. Bingham.....	Orphan	Matinecock	806	1
828	30	Margaret McNeil.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
829	30	Madeline McNeil.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
830	30	Robert McNeil.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
831	31	Mary E. Hough.....	Widow	Lily	342	6
834	Nov. 7	James Burgess.....	Mason	Columbian	484	7
835	12	John Hilliker.....	Mason	Little Falls	181	19
836	13	William N. Thoms.....	Mason	St. Cecile	568	7
839	16	Aaron J. Taylor.....	Mason	Morning Star	65	34
841	19	Amy Boynton.....	Orphan	St. Paul	124	30
842	19	Ruth M. Boynton.....	Orphan	St. Paul	124	30
843	19	Howard E. Boynton ..	Orphan	St. Paul	124	30
844	19	Amos Commentz.....	Mason	Antiquity	11	4
845	20	Henry Terrell.....	Mason	Canastota	231	27
849	Dec. 17	Charles T. Moore.....	Mason	Evening Star	75	17
1908						
856	Jan. 20	Fanny A. Drummond...	Widow	Mosaic	418	6

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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	Dis- trict.
1908						
858	Feb. 24	Moses Dibble.....	Mason	Central City	305	27
864	Mar. 2	Orla Yoran.....	Mason	Syracuse	501	27
865	20	J. Herbert Young.....	Mason	Steuben	112	34
867	Apr. 1	Elizabeth Young.....	Widow	Greenpoint	403	2
868	1	John N. Sumner.....	Mason	Carthage	158	24
869	4	Hannah W. Soar.....	Widow	St. Alban's	56	3
870	14	Albert N. Priest.....	Mason	Utica	47	26
872	20	William Young.....	Mason	Faxton	697	26
873	20	Mary Young.....	Wife	Faxton	697	26
874	21	George F. Higgins.....	Mason	Polar Star	245	5
875	28	Warren W. Lamb.....	Orphan	Manhattan	62	4
876	28	Minerva C. Lamb.....	Orphan	Manhattan	62	4
878	May 12	Fred J. Van Valkenburg.	Mason	Hiram	144	25
880	June 24	George R. Weyant.....	Mason	Stony Point	313	13
881	25	Ida G. Nichols.....	Orphan	No. Constellat'n	291	41
882	25	Lucy M. Nichols.....	Orphan	No. Constellat'n	291	41
883	25	Emily K. Nichols.....	Orphan	No. Constellat'n	291	41
888	30	Anna C. Shears.....	Widow	Greenwood	569	3
889	July 1	John J. Neff.....	Mason	Gloversville	429	19
890	1	Antoinette Spencer.....	Widow	Mt. Zion	311	17
891	1	Joseph M. Browne.....	Mason	Riverhead	645	1
892	3	Elizabeth Tucker.....	Widow	Wamponamoon	437	1
895	8	Charles A. Sweet.....	Mason	Military	93	27
897	9	Charlotte Traver.....	Widow	Jordon	380	33
898	12	William D. Betts.....	Mason	Genesee Falls	507	33
901	Aug. 15	John McCullough.....	Mason	Templar	203	5
902	15	John D. Jones.....	Mason	Silentia	198	5
903	18	William Vandemark.....	Mason	Friendship	153	29
904	19	Adelia Cole.....	Widow	Little Falls	181	19
905	20	Frank B. Case.....	Mason	Niagara	375	37
906	Sept. 1	Torello Dendi.....	Mason	Garibaldi	542	10
907	1	Vincenza Dendi.....	Wife	Garibaldi	542	10
908	15	Edwin Stone.....	Mason	Gramercy	537	7
910	Oct. 29	John E. Relyea.....	Mason	Genesee Falls	507	33
911	Nov. 2	Margaret A. McClellan...	Widow	Corinthian	488	7
914	5	Anna E. Dubuar.....	Widow	New York	338	6
916	10	Wilfred Kirk.....	Mason	High Falls	428	23
917	10	Phoebe Kirk.....	Wife	High Falls	428	23
918	18	Pietro Pennelli.....	Mason	Italia	786	10
920	25	Amanda Jackson.....	Widow	Boonville	165	26
922	28	David R. Bruce.....	Mason	Lockport	73	37
923	Dec. 1	Mary Griffith.....	Widow	Remsen	677	26
926	8	Hannah R. Grant.....	Widow	Sagamore	371	6
927	8	John G. McRostie.....	Mason	Acacian	705	23
928	8	Thomas Smith.....	Mason	Munn	190	5
929	15	Henry Gutge.....	Mason	Corinthian	488	7
930	15	Margaret Gutge.....	Wife	Corinthian	488	7

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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	Dis- trict.
931	1908 26	Edwin L. Flint.....	Mason	Frontier	517	41
932	28	Maria L. Mellish.....	Widow	Montgomery	68	4
933	1909 Jan. 2	Mary Albin.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
934	2	Gertrude Albin.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
935	2	Ethel Albin.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
936	2	Laurette Albin.....	Orphan	Templar	203	5
937	4	Betsey Darling.....	Widow	Valley	109	33
938	4	Charles A. Kinne.....	Mason	Batavia	475	36
939	5	Gates H. Barnard.....	Mason	Mt. Zion	311	17
940	12	Charles J. Johnson.....	Mason	Seneca Lake	308	31
942	26	John P. McNamara.....	Mason	Apollo	13	17
943	26	Kate Barnard.....	Wife	Mt. Zion	311	17
944	26	Mary H. Barnard.....	Orphan	Mt. Zion	311	17
945	28	Alexander Rannie.....	Mason	Palmyra	348	32
946	30	Horace P. Hall.....	Mason	Central City	305	27
947	Feb. 3	Emil A. Recker.....	Mason	St. Cecile	568	7
948	3	Robert McMullen.....	Mason	Port Jervis	328	13
949	6	Lydia Jouffroy.....	Widow	Putnam	338	6
950	11	Esther Knapp.....	Widow	Deposit	396	28
951	27	Edwin LeBars.....	Mason	Ezel	732	3
953	Mar. 15	Anna Harris.....	Widow	Seawanhaka	678	3
954	15	Isaac Peyser.....	Mason	Glen Dale	497	21
955	18	Samuel Sewell.....	Mason	Beacon	283	14
956	24	Eleanor C. French.....	Widow	Anglo Saxon	137	3
959	Apr. 7	Peter J. Bogert.....	Mason	Continental	287	6
960	7	Sarah L. Bogert.....	Wife	Continental	287	6
961	12	Ethel I. Steves.....	Orphan	Auburn	431	30
962	12	William J. Steves.....	Orphan	Auburn	431	30
963	14	William W. Rainey.....	Mason	De Ruyter	692	27
964	16	Andrew O. Gordon.....	Mason	Valley	109	33
966	May 1	Sarah Fisk.....	Widow	Otego Union	282	18
968	4	Isola D. Thomas.....	Widow	Fidelity	51	30
969	4	Eva A. Thomas.....	.....	Fidelity	51	30
970	6	Nathaniel P. Williams..	Mason	Sylvan Grove	275	6
972	June 1	George R. Walker.....	Mason	Columbian	484	7
975	July 15	Charles R. Willor.....	Mason	Hornellsville	331	34
976	15	Sarah A. Willor.....	Wife	Hornellsville	331	34
977	17	William H. Jutsum.....	Mason	Corner Stone	367	2
978	20	Orrin L. Hall.....	Mason	Racket River	213	23
979	23	Francis M. Loughran....	Mason	Kilwinning	825	2
981	July 28	Carroll T. Steves.....	Orphan	Auburn	431	30
982	29	Jane Thomas.....	Widow	Utica	47	26
983	29	Harry Booth.....	Orphan	Silentia	198	5
984	29	Edwin Booth.....	Orphan	Silentia	198	5
985	Aug. 5	Arvin K. Allen.....	Mason	Churchville	667	33
986	5	Ruth A. Neilson.....	Orphan	Antiquity	11	4
987	13	Julius Brorsen.....	Mason	Greenpoint	403	2

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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relationship.	Lodge.	No.	District.
<b>1909</b>						
988	13	Marie A. Brorsen.....	Wife	Greenpoint	403	2
989	23	Blanche M. Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
990	23	John Leslie Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
991	23	Rudolph C. Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
992	23	Halsey P. Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
993	23	Charlton S. Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
994	23	Emerson P. Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
997	Sept. 25	Charles Lyons.....	Mason	St. Alban's	56	3
998	Oct. 4	Frederick Guttman.....	Mason	Mt. Neboh	257	5
999	13	Pauline Goodenough....	Widow	Westbrook	333	29
1000	16	Daniel S. Gardner.....	Mason	Eastern Light	126	28
1001	16	Sabrina L. Gardner.....	Wife	Eastern Light	126	28
1002	21	Katherine Long.....	Orphan	Minerva	792	3
1003	Nov. 3	John Shannon.....	Mason	Silentia	198	5
1004	12	David Anderson.....	Mason	Tecumseh	487	7
1005	18	Alexander C. Kelley....	Mason	Normal	523	7
1006	Dec. 20	Mario E. Pistilli.....	Orphan	Garibaldi	542	10
1007	20	Ida Pistilli.....	Orphan	Garibaldi	542	10
1008	20	Achille Pistilli.....	Orphan	Garibaldi	542	10
1009	22	Theodore Canaday.....	Mason	Wadsworth	417	17
1010	22	Martha Canaday.....	Wife	Wadsworth	417	17
1011	28	Leander Dustin.....	Mason	Valley	109	33
<b>1910</b>						
1012	Jan. 4	Charles O. Locke.....	Mason	Temple	14	17
1013	11	Howard C. Young.....	Orphan	Atlantic	178	5
1014	11	Elsie A. Young.....	Orphan	Atlantic	178	5
1015	13	Charlotte Searle.....	Orphan	Syracuse	501	27
1016	13	Gladys Searle.....	Orphan	Syracuse	501	27
1018	15	Seneca Tripp.....	Mason	Noah	754	17
1019	17	Mary C. Fenton.....	Widow	Little Falls	181	19
1021	19	Darius H. Odell.....	Mason	Fortune	788	38
1022	23	Robert Sietz.....	Mason	Apollo	13	17
1023	24	Raymond W. Garrison..	Orphan	Rondout	343	15
1024	Feb. 8	Helem H. Newton.....	Mason	Eastern Light	126	28
1025	8	Almira Newton.....	Wife	Eastern Light	126	28
1026	8	Edwin M. Godfrey.....	Mason	Manhattan	62	4
1028	18	Emma L. Radelfinger...	Orphan	Long Island	382	3
1029	18	Martha L. Radelfinger..	Orphan	Long Island	382	3
1030	19	Wilton D. Bagg.....	Orphan	Remsen	677	26
1031	Mar. 5	Herbert M. Butts.....	Mason	Port Byron	130	30
1032	11	Edward A. Balthes.....	Mason	Wyoming	492	7
1033	14	Susan Richards.....	Orphan	Oswego	127	25
1034	14	Irvin C. Goodell.....	Mason	Yates	675	37
1035	14	James W. Greene.....	Mason	Americus	535	7
1036	14	Adolph F. Moisset.....	Mason	L'Union..		
				Francaise	17	10
1037	16	John Newton.....	Mason	Park	516	7



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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	Dis- trict.
1910						
1041	Apr. 4	Cornelia Higgins.....	Widow	Pioneer	20	4
1044	May 6	Peter Hagen.....	Orphan	Pentalpha	744	8
1045	6	Eleanor Hagen.....	Orphan	Pentalpha	744	8
1046	6	Herman Hagen.....	Orphan	Pentalpha	744	8
1047	13	Francis Forgue.....	Orphan	La. Clem. Amit.	410	10
1048	13	Charles Forgue.....	Orphan	La. Clem. Amit.	410	10
1049	17	Celia Turner.....	Orphan	Wieland	714	9
1050	17	William Turner.....	Orphan	Wieland	714	9
1051	18	Sampson Hogle.....	Orphan	Orients	224	26
1052	18	Bradford F. Howell.....	Mason	Jordon	386	27
1053	19	Amy Prentice.....	Widow	Sauquoit	150	26
1054	21	Georg. Baldwin.....	Mason	Golden Rule	770	8
1055	23	Charles C. Reed.....	Mason	Crescent	402	6
1056	23	Mary E. Reed.....	Wife	Crescent	402	6
1057	24	Jacob W. Vanderhoof...	Mason	Humanity	406	32
1058	24	Lucinda Vanderhoof....	Wife	Humanity	406	32
1059	25	William J. Duncan.....	Mason	Citizens	628	7
1061	26	Isabella Rifford.....	Widow	Ivy	397	29
1062	30	George Cornwall.....	Mason	Theresa	174	24
1063	June 14	Elmira F. Wilson.....	Widow	Euclid	656	2
1064	23	William R. Page.....	Mason	Amicable	664	26
1065	23	Helen Page.....	Wife	Amicable	664	26
1066	28	John Roper.....	Mason	Wawarsing	582	15
1067	July 2	Ellen Thornton.....	Widow	St. Alban's	56	3
1068	5	Addison B. Deane.....	Mason	Deposit	396	28
1069	5	Alonzo P. Hoyt.....	Mason	Joppa	201	3
1070	5	Sarah J. Hoyt.....	Wife	Joppa	201	3
1071	6	Eliza J. Ayers.....	Orphan	Ulster	193	15
1072	6	Ida M. Ayers.....	Orphan	Ulster	193	15
1073	12	Jeanette Allen.....	Orphan	No. Constellat'n	291	41
1074	12	Isabel C. V. Allen.....	Orphan	No. Constellat'n	291	41
1075	19	Susan Huff.....	Widow	Copestone	641	7
1076	28	Alexander Wentworth...	Mason	Randolph	359	39
1078	Sept. 12	Joseph H. Ford.....	Mason	Fairport	476	33
1079	13	Kenneth S. Crane.....	Orphan	Valley	109	33
1080	22	Sarah A. Watson.....	Widow	King Sol. Prim.	91	17
1081	Oct. 5	Isaac G. Bain.....	Mason	Erie	161	38
1082	10	Charles H. Faul.....	Orphan	Syracuse	501	27
1083	12	Frank Morales.....	Mason	La Fraternidad	387	10
1084	13	Edna P. Gordon.....	Orphan	Salt Springs	520	27
1085	13	Ruth M. Gordon.....	Orphan	Salt Springs	520	27
1086	25	Oliver P. Williams.....	Mason	De Ruyter	692	27
1087	25	Harriet Williams.....	Wife	De Ruyter	692	27
1089	26	Dorothy Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1090	26	Helen Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1091	26	Martha Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1092	26	Ruth Dickson.....	Orphan	Polar Star	245	5
1093	27	Helen A. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7

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No.	Date Received.	Name.	Relation-ship.	Lodge.	No.	Dis- trict.
<b>1910</b>						
1094	27	Mary R. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1095	27	Louise M. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1096	27	Lewis J. Fraser.....	Orphan	Scotia	634	7
1097	29	Samuel H. Lyon.....	Mason	North Star	107	41
1098	29	Charlotte Lyon.....	Wife	North Star	107	41
1100	Nov. 12	Artemetia L. Kimball..	Widow	Watertown	49	24
1101	12	Charles A. Clark.....	Mason	Speedville	265	30
1102	21	Chauncey N. Shipman...	Mason	Ivy	397	29
1103	22	Clarinda Hewes.....	Widow	Union Star	320	33
1104	23	Thomas H. Schoonmaker	Mason	St. Paul's	124	30
1105	Dec. 23	Milton H. Linebeck.....	Mason	Oriental	224	26
1106	27	William F. Heinzelman..	Orphan	Columbian	484	7
<b>1911</b>						
1107	Jan. 22	Henry Shaw.....	Mason	Herkimer	423	19
1108	23	Alonso A. Renton.....	Mason	United States	207	5
1109	24	Nicholas Vischer.....	Mason	Clinton	140	21
1110	27	Lewis E. Stebbins.....	Mason	Canastota	231	27
1111	28	Mortimer E. Morgan....	Mason	Acacia	327	6
1112	Feb. 9	Silas C. Brown.....	Mason	Yew Tree	461	2
1113	16	Elvera J. Fields.....	Orphan	De Molay	498	38
1114	16	Joseph H. Fields.....	Orphan	De Molay	498	38
1115	16	Alfred E. Fields.....	Orphan	De Molay	498	38
1116	22	William Cook.....	Mason	Hamilton	120	27
1117	22	Evaline Cook.....	Wife	Hamilton	120	27
1118	Mar. 18	Henry Roberts.....	Mason	Arcturus	274	6
1119	18	Stephen S. Stryker.....	Mason	Oriental	224	26
1120	20	Frank E. Gordon.....	Orphan	Salt Springs	520	27
1121	22	James B. Hallock.....	Orphan	Oneida	270	27
1122	22	Charles G. Hallock.....	Orphan	Oneida	270	27
1123	25	Richard Manning.....	Mason	Utica	47	26

**COST OF OPERATING THE MASONIC HALL IN THE CITY OF  
NEW YORK FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1909, TO SEPTEMBER  
1, 1910.**

**TWENTY-FOURTH STREET PROPERTY.**

Wages and Salaries.....	\$23,086.21	
Coal .....	8,494.83	
Supplies .....	4,976.82	
Insurance .....	4,303.38	
Water .....	898.40	
Electric Light and Gas.....	502.21	
Sundries .....	2,767.77	\$ 45,029.62

**TWENTY-THIRD STREET PROPERTY.**

Wages and Salaries.....	\$ 3,409.50	
Coal .....	69.61	
Supplies .....	59.52	
Electric Light and Gas.....	1,013.80	
Insurance .....	2,085.75	
Water .....	417.20	
Repairs .....	700.64	
Connecting Steam Plant with 24th Street....	1,246.00	
Sundries .....	88.99	9,091.01
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		\$54,120.63

**ESTIMATED INCOME.**

From rent of Offices.....	\$27,500.00
From Lodges and Other Bodies.....	62,500.00
Amount received for "Specials" previous year.	3,806.00
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	\$93,806.00

**REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER.**

R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:*

I have complied with the requirements of the Grand Lodge and visited all of the forty-one Districts in the State. With but few exceptions, the Conventions have been eminently satisfactory. In several instances, the standard work has been given very close to perfection, notably the Metropolitan District and the Third District.

I still lament the appointment of places at which the Conventions are held into which several railroads do not enter. Brethren are prevented from attending because of the increased expense incurred by a two-nights sojourn at hotels, with a needlessly lengthened railroad journey. The District Deputies, upon the whole, have been most courteous to me, some of them passing into the relationship of delightful friends.

A serious illness of now some fifteen weeks has not prevented my keeping every appointment on its original date.

The following Brethren have been appointed Assistant Grand Lecturers:

District No.		R.	W.	
1,	.	.	.	W. ISAAC N. FAILOR.
2,	.	.	.	W. REGINALD N. HARVEY.
3,	.	.	.	W. HENRY G. LOCHMULLER.
Metropolitan	.	.	.	W. HERBERT E. CROCKER.
9,	.	.	.	W. S. SCHWARZMANN.
10,	.	.	.	W. EDWARD L. HAMILL.
11,	.	.	.	W. JOHN H. BRAESZLER.
12,	.	.	.	W. HOMER B. SMITH, JR.
14,	.	.	.	W. WILLIAM GRAFF.
15,	.	.	.	W. SCHUYLER C. BISHOP.
16,	.	.	.	W. G. L. SULLARD.
17,	.	.	.	W. CHAS. W. WILLIAMSON, JR.
18,	.	.	.	W. J. WALLACE MARSH.
19,	.	.	.	W. ALVIN C. BULLOCK.
20,	.	.	.	W. REUBEN H. WINEGAUL.
21,	.	.	.	W. WILLIAM LEE.
22,	.	.	.	{ W. WILLIAM W. JEFFERS.
	.	.	.	{ W. W. A. WOOD.
23,	.	.	.	W. FRED. WORTHING.
25,	.	.	.	W. RANSOM E. TRUMBULL.
26,	.	.	.	W. W. J. LEWIS.
27,	.	.	.	W. FAY S. PARSONS.
28,	.	.	.	W. HUGH E. COLLINS.
29,	.	.	.	W. EUGENE HOLLEY.
30,	.	.	.	W. LE ROY DICKSON.
31,	.	.	.	W. CLINTON W. BROWN.
32,	.	.	.	W. C. CLARENCE BAKER.
33,	.	.	.	W. GEORGE W. MILBY.
34,	.	.	.	W. A. D. WILCOX.
35,	.	.	.	W. T. B. WARDNER.
36,	.	.	.	W. B. T. SANDS.
37,	.	.	.	{ W. WILLIAM CAMERON.
	.	.	.	{ W. CHARLES A. MACK.
38,	.	.	.	R. W. GEORGE H. CHASE.
39,	.	.	.	W. CARL I. HALL.
40,	.	.	.	W. S. E. PERSONS.
41,	.	.	.	W. JOHN H. DULLEA.

Fraternally yours,

WARREN C. HUBBARD,  
Grand Lecturer.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

R. W. ELMER B. SILVER, Grand Librarian, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and Brother:* I have the honor to present herewith my report as Librarian of the Grand Lodge for the past Masonic year.

At the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Board of Trustees assigned to the Library the east room on the ground floor of the new Masonic Temple in Twenty-fourth Street, and the bookcases and books were duly moved into the new quarters from the old building on Twenty-third Street.

During the summer months the books were all rearranged and placed on the shelves, and a new card index made of all volumes now in the Library, and I am pleased to state at this time that there is now in our Masonic Library over 8,000 volumes of Proceedings, representing every Jurisdiction in the world.

The Library was duly opened to the Craft on the evening of September 12, with the Grand Master and his Associate Grand Lodge Officers, together with several hundred members of the Craft in attendance, and all those present expressed their delight in the new quarters.

The wisdom of the Trustees in selecting this room for the Library can best be judged from the attendance. Since the opening of the Library, on September 12, last, until the 30th inst., 10,084 members of the Craft have availed themselves of the privileges of the Library, as against 4,338 last year, which was the largest number ever recorded in the Library in any year since its inception, and I desire at this time to extend my sincere thanks to the Board of Trustees for their great kindness in making it possible for me to have this room for the use of the Library.

Many valuable volumes of Proceedings and other miscellaneous volumes of interest to the Fraternity have been added to the collection of books already in the Library during the past year, and may be found on the tables and in the bookcases in the Library, and all members of the Craft will always be made most welcome and every courtesy extended to them.

The Library is open every day (except Sundays and holidays) from 2 P. M. until 10:30 P. M., and I would suggest that the same be kept open in the future from 10 A. M. until 10:30 P. M., thereby giving to all the opportunity of collecting such data and information as may be desired at all hours of the day or evening.

The rapid growth of our Library is very gratifying to me, and I am sure it must be to you and every member of the Masonic Fraternity, nowhere in the United States can a more complete Masonic Library be found than the one in possession of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It may be of interest to the Craft to know that our

Library is worth about \$42,000, and I doubt very much if it could be duplicated for that sum, as many of the volumes are very scarce, and in one instance we have a volume of Proceedings of early date for which a sister Jurisdiction has offered the sum of \$2,000.

The growth of the Library has necessarily caused an increase in maintaining the same, and I would respectfully ask for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) as the appropriation for the maintenance of the Library for the next year. This sum is \$100 more than was appropriated to the Library in years past, with the exception of two years, and then the Library was only open from 5 P. M. until 10:30 P. M.

The magazines and weekly papers have been forwarded to the Masonic Home at Utica from time to time, and they are read and re-read by the inmates with great pleasure.

At this time I desire to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the beautiful "Pillow," a gift to the Library by *Mrs. Herman A. Metz*. This pillow was made by the little girls of the Masonic Home, and sent to the Brooklyn Masonic Guild Fair. It was won by Mrs. Metz, who, in turn, presented it to the Library of the Grand Lodge, and I am sure the entire Craft will join with me in extending to Mrs. Metz their sincere thanks for this beautiful gift. May I ask you to extend a most hearty and cordial invitation to Mrs. Herman A. Metz to visit the Library and see how thoroughly the gift is appreciated.

I desire also to return thanks to the Grand Secretary, M'. W'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, who, in season and out of season, has always given me of his time, and valued advice gathered from his many, many years of service to the Craft, and to him am I indebted for his constant and consistent efforts in aiding me to secure the present room for the use of the Library.

To Right Eminent SIR J. CARLISLE LOUDON and Right Eminent SIR JOHN LITTLE am I indebted for their gifts and help during the past year. BROTHER LITTLE has been more than kind to me in helping to place the Library in such good shape, and I thank him from the bottom of my heart.

To R'. W'. JOHN P. RUF, R'. W'. JOHN G. SNYDER and W'. ANDREW MERZ, I am under lasting obligations for their help and advice at all times.

To the Grand Secretaries, and Grand Recorders of the various bodies of Sister Jurisdictions, I desire to especially thank at this time, for, through them, have I been permitted to keep the files of Proceedings of their respective Jurisdictions complete.

The financial transactions have been as follows:

April 30, 1910—Balance on hand.....	\$ 228.83
June 14, 1910—Appropriation.....	1,000.00
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	\$1,228.83

*Disbursements—*

Salary of attendant .....	\$500.00
Extra labor of attendant.....	50.00
Bookbinding and repairs to books.....	268.45
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Carried forward .....\$818.45

Brought forward .....	\$818.45	
Expenses of moving books.....	125.35	
Signs for Library entrance.....	26.85	
Printing and postage.....	88.42	
Subscriptions to papers and magazines.....	37.40	
Hat, coat and umbrella racks.....	36.00	
Spring water .....	6.60	
Books and Proceedings.....	89.10	1,228.17
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		\$0.66

In conclusion, permit me to thank you, my dear Grand Master, for the great confidence you have always placed in me, for the many, many words of encouragement given me, and for the honor you have conferred on Copestone Lodge, No. 641, in appointing me on your staff.

I have endeavored to give you the very best there was in me, and if I have failed it was not because I did not try to do my best, but because I was not equal to the occasion.

With all my heart, I congratulate you on your enviable record as Grand Master. Your administration has been in every particular a great success, and long after you and I have passed over the great divide will be looked upon as one of the greatest and most beneficial administrations ever given the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York. May God spare your life to this great Craft, and to those near and dear to you for many, many years.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ELMER B. SILVER,  
*Grand Librarian.*

## REPORT OF THE BROOKLYN MASONIC GUILD.

R. W. ABEL CROOK, President of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

*To the Brooklyn Masonic Guild and to the*

*Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of the State of New York:*

A successful year has been added to the history of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, which now owns a furnished Temple and land of the aggregate value of \$507,910.65, subject to a mortgage to secure a bond issue of \$225,000, which has been reduced to \$224,500. Our accounts with the builders and architects have been adjusted and paid, and the Guild has received full value for every dollar expended. Economy and zeal in its interest have been our watchwords and governed our actions. The Savings Bank deposit of \$3,322.72, referred to in the President's Report last year, has been received.

Our bank balance with all bills paid is \$11,646.59, which, added to the value of our Temple and furniture, makes our actual assets \$520,769.52, or an equity and surplus of \$296,269.52 above our mortgage debt, being

an increase of equity during the past year of \$42,417.25. The Treasurer's report will give full details.

Certain personal articles bequeathed by Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. STUART have been transferred to us, and, with the exception of his Past Master's jewel, are to be sold and the proceeds added to our treasury.

The income from our building has more than paid its cost of maintenance, leaving a reasonable surplus for our use.

Our chief event of the year was the Fair, commencing October 17th and ending October 29th, 1910, from which actual profits was derived of \$37,649.53, being much more than was anticipated by last year's report. Three thousand dollars of this profit has been transferred to the rental account, from which is paid interest on the bond issue. A specific financial account of the Fair appears in the special report of the Auditing Committee. Our floating debt has been paid. An Auxiliary Committee of ladies, by persistent, praiseworthy effort, collected and turned over to us the sum of \$971.87, which is in addition to the amount realized from the Fair. Our short-term notes, maturing in April, 1912, have been paid and retired. The wonderful success of the Fair was due to the untiring and magnificent coöperation of our Manager, R. W. THEODORE C. LEFEVRE, and the Executive Committee, headed by R. W. GEORGE FREIFELD, and the officers of Masonic bodies, not only of Brooklyn but Manhattan and elsewhere, and of their members, assisted by the many accomplished and energetic ladies, without whom this result would have been impossible of attainment. The highest words of praise can but feebly express our debt of gratitude to them for their active efforts and labor, which were not only effective, but stimulated and encouraged everyone who participated to greater exertion and made the event notable. Great as is the financial result, even more important is the fact that from all directions came these willing workers, who otherwise might never have met and shared the delightful social intercourse which must prove of lasting benefit to our Fraternity.

The Williamsburgh Trust Company, named as Trustee for our bond issue, has decided to liquidate, making it necessary that a successor be selected. In so important a matter, it was deemed best that the financial standing and availability for our purpose of every Trust Company in Brooklyn should be investigated by a Committee of the Board of Trustees, who, after most careful consideration of the several "tried and found worthy" institutions in Brooklyn, recommended the Brooklyn Trust Company to be the substituted Trustee. Such selection is in no wise a reflection upon other Trust Companies, in some of which members of the Board of Trustees are financially interested and might well urge their merits, but it is simply an expression of the belief that, all things considered, the choice is judicious for the interests of the Guild and its bondholders. Application will, at an early date, be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of such successor.

Three epochs of the Guild invite attention—the Organic, the Constructive, and the Administrative. The first includes the labors of the Committee on Scope and Plan, the grant of a Charter and the adoption of By-laws. The second embraces the receipt of the Stuart legacy and funds from our Masonic bodies and brethren; the preparation of plans and specifications; competitive bids; award of contracts, and the erec-



tion and furnishing of our Temple. These have passed into history, and their achievement is a perpetual memorial of the loyalty, generosity and zeal of the Masons of Brooklyn.

We have arrived at the "*Administrative*" stage, which demands most serious consideration. While the income from our Temple has justified the prophecy of a surplus over expenses, its increase, to meet our highest hope, can only be assured by systematic and continued effort, not of the Trustees alone, but of the Masonic bodies constituting "Founders" and their members. The Lodge rooms have been fairly well rented, but there is room for a more satisfactory income from this source by additional rentals. Our auditorium and banquet hall have not quite met our estimated revenue. While Masonic functions have increased their use, it is regrettable that other functions have not fully kept pace with them. Individual effort to interest the general public, properly directed, should prove efficient, and is earnestly urged. We must not forget that while the Guild is organized for an ultimate charity, it must be managed as a business enterprise by business methods. Trustees cannot violate their trust. It is sacred and will not permit waste or favoritism. Revenue is necessary to pay expenses of management and the interest to bondholders and to provide a sinking fund to retire our bonds at maturity. If at times it may seem that more should be given to tenants, or if any neglect be justly or otherwise claimed, let it not be based on mere rumor of discrimination nor whispered at the street corner, but by direct and open communication to the Rental Committee, or to the Board of Trustees, when a mutual understanding will be promptly reached, to the reasonable satisfaction of all concerned. Let us remember we are engaged in a great and important undertaking which demands conservatism and will not admit of extravagance, and that it is better to err on the side of safety, and let us credit our Trustees with honesty trying to make it the success which all must wish. The Trustees are mere administrative agents of the Founders, *who are really the Temple owners*, who create the Trustees and have ever been consulted as to the management of our affairs, and they and their members are alike interested in a success which can be materially aided by individual efforts to secure functions within our Hall.

Interior decoration has been discussed, but it has been deemed wise to "make haste slowly"; to "live within our means" and to avoid increased indebtedness. No attempt has been made during the past year to obtain contributions from our Founders. The Fair has absorbed all efforts in this direction. It is gratifying to note that St. Albans Lodge recently donated to the Guild \$250, with a promise of an equal amount during the ensuing year, to be applied to the "Decoration Fund." This forms a nucleus for such a fund and it rests with our Founders to determine the matter. It would be delightful if bodies meeting in a room should unite in its decoration under our Architects' supervision, and thus stimulate interest in their attractive meeting place and arouse enthusiasm among others to "go and do likewise."

Safe deposit vaults have been provided and a reasonable rental rate fixed. Some are undisposed of. They render cumbersome safes unnecessary and afford accommodation for our tenants' books and papers.

The presentation of a magnificent jewel to Grand Master M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY occurred in our Auditorium on the 12th

day of December, 1910, in the presence of distinguished members of the Craft from every section of the State. Upon the same occasion Past Grand Master TOWNSEND SCUDDER presented to the Brooklyn Masonic Guild the trowel with which he had laid the corner-stone of our Temple, and this historic emblem, suitably framed, now occupies a conspicuous place in the building.

The Past Masters' Club of the Second Masonic District has graciously presented us a framed, full-length portrait of Grand Master KENWORTHY, which adorns our Temple walls.

Valuable books have been presented us by R. W. JAMES CRUIKSHANK through Orion Lodge, and also by Wor. JAMES HARRIS FREEMAN, Past Master of Aurora Grata Lodge, contained in a case on which is a plate bearing the inscription, "*Written word of Bro. Sir Thomas Lake Harris. One was among you and you knew Him not.*" An accompanying letter recites that BRO. HARRIS died March 23, 1906, at New York. He was of English birth, but came to this country in childhood, and at twenty-one years of age he became known as a lecturer and preacher. By his efforts the New York Juvenile Asylum was established. Two pictures of BRO. HARRIS are in this collection.

The time has arrived for consideration of the subject of a library for the use of the Brooklyn Masons. The early editions of our Grand Lodge Proceedings are exhausted, but it is possible to obtain a considerable number of these books by courtesy of the Grand Secretary. It may be that the other volumes to complete the set can be obtained from Lodges or individuals. Notice of possession and willingness to donate copies of any of these Proceedings would be appreciated. *Our ultimate purpose to build a Home must not be forgotten.* History teaches that donations and legacies to orphanages and homes for the indigent are not uncommon, and we are assured that our proposed home will not be ignored if our purpose be made manifest. A Committee has been appointed to seek and report a proper site, when a more definite plan will be presented for consideration.

Acknowledgment is due to the Guild officers and Committees who have rendered great services during the past year. Our Treasurer has devoted himself, day and night, to promote our interests. Our Secretary has been ever ready and willing to aid whenever the opportunity has been afforded him. The members of the Board have been harmonious, considerate and diligent in advancing the interest of the Guild at the sacrifice of their personal affairs.

May the future prove all we could wish.

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL CROOK,  
*President, Brooklyn Masonic Guild.*

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*To the Brooklyn Masonic Guild and to the  
Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of the State of New York:*

In accordance with Article IV., Section 2, of the By-Laws of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, I submit the following as my annual report for the year ending April 15, 1911:

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, annual report, 1910.....	\$12,639.63
Donors' Fund .....	\$ 1,588.35
Benefactors' Fund .....	389.57
Rent, Lodge Rooms.....	17,378.25
" Auditorium .....	5,530.00
" Banquet Hall .....	2,560.10
" Safes .....	107.00
" Pianos .....	25.00
Interest .....	690.46
Williamsburgh Trust Co., Trustee, Trust Fund and Loan a/c. ....	27,648.33
Williamsburgh Trust Co., Trustee, Trust Fund and Loan a/c. ....	21,000.00
Telephone .....	8.41
Expense a/c, Sundry Credits.....	20.17
Furniture and Fixtures.....	125.00
Mortgage Bond a/c.....	3,400.00
Brooklyn Masonic Hall Association.....	3,349.00
Temple Workers .....	971.87
Fair a/c (\$25.00 reported last year not included) ..	51,536.99
Transferred from Williamsburgh Trust Co., Trustee, for Bond and Note Coupons.....	6,495.27
Transferred from Williamsburgh Trust Co., Trust a/c, to Mechanics Bank.....	341.40
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	143,165.17
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	\$155,804.80

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Williamsburgh Trust Co., Trustee, Trust Fund and Loan a/c .....	\$21,785.00
Williamsburgh Trust Co., Trustee, Trust Fund and Loan a/c .....	38,200.00
Payments to Builders, Architects, and additions to Building .....	21,800.16
Furniture and Fixtures.....	15,717.80
Interest .....	13,848.28
Insurance, three years.....	1,656.20
Electric Light and Power.....	4,053.10
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Carried forward .....	\$117,060.54

Brought forward .....	\$117,060.54	
Salary a/c .....	4,197.27	
Expense .....	893.69	
Custodian's Expense a/c.....	292.41	
Heating .....	492.96	
Gas .....	74.88	
Mortgage Bond a/c.....	3,832.00	
Brooklyn Masonic Hall Association.....	402.00	
Fair a/c .....	16,912.46	
		<u>\$144,158.21</u>
Balance in Mechanics Bank.....	7,902.45	
"    " National City Bank.....	2,772.27	
"    " Sumner Savings Bank.....	971.87	
		<u>11,646.59</u>
		<u>\$155,804.80</u>

## BUILDING.

## INCOME.

Rent, Lodge Rooms.....	\$17,378.25	
" Auditorium .....	5,530.00	
" Banquet Hall .....	2,560.10	
" Safes .....	107.00	
" Pianos .....	25.00	
Expense a/c, Sundry Credits.....	20.17	
Telephone .....	8.41	
		<u>25,628.93</u>

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Due for Rent .....	\$396.50	
Interest on Cancelled Coupons, January 1, 1911...	515.78	
		<u>912.28</u>
		<u>\$26,541.21</u>

## CHARGES.

Electric Light and Power.....	\$ 4,053.10	
Heating .....	492.96	
Insurance, three years, one-third charged to 1911..	518.08	
Liability Insurance .....	101.95	
Gas .....	74.88	
Interest .....	13,157.82	
Salaries .....	4,197.27	
Expense, Postage, Printing and Minor Repairs....	893.69	
Custodian's Expense, Supplies and Extra Help...	292.41	
		<u>\$23,782.16</u>
Excess of Income.....	2,759.05	
		<u>\$26,541.21</u>

## DONORS' FUND.

Increase, Additional Donations, April, 1910, to April,  
1911, as follows:

Brooklyn Lodge .....	\$147.00	
Cosmopolitan Lodge .....	99 10	
Day Star Lodge.....	25.00	
Joppa Lodge .....	115.05	
Long Island Lodge .....	225.00	
Mistletoe Lodge .....	585.00	
Orion Lodge .....	50.00	
St. Alban's Lodge (for Decorating Building).....	250.00	
Zeredatha Lodge .....	91.00	
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		\$1,588.35

## BENEFACTORS' FUND.

Increase, Additional Donations April, 1910, to  
April, 1911:

Zeredatha Lodge .....	\$427.07	
James H. Masterman.....	12.50	
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		\$439.57
Less, Brooklyn Lodge Transfer to Donors' Fund, 1910 a/c .....	50.00—	<hr/>
		\$389.57

## DONORS' FUND.

Total Contribution of Each Founder to the Fund, from Organization to  
Date, Comprising the Voting Power of the Guild.

*Tenth District:*

Roma Lodge .....	\$ 75.00—\$ 75.00
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*Ninth District:*

Allemania Lodge .....	500.00	
Lessing .....	1,000.00	1,500.00

*Third District:*

Acanthus Lodge .....	2,056.50
Adytum .....	1,063.00
Altair .....	1,625.00
Anglo Saxon .....	3,297.50
Aurora Grata .....	792.15
Bay Ridge .....	629.00
Bedford .....	1,145.00
Brooklyn .....	5,390.10
Cambridge .....	966.00
Central .....	644.12
Commonwealth .....	7,175.85
Cosmopolitan .....	1,311.60

Carried forward .....\$26,095.82

Brought forward .....	\$26,095.82
Covenant .....	1,354.00
Crystal Wave .....	831.25
Day Star .....	1,889.00
Delta .....	270.21
Ezel .....	620.60
Fortitude .....	2,010.00
Greenwood .....	3,168.00
Joppa .....	4,020.12
Kedron .....	650.33
Kings County .....	100.00
Lexington .....	1,130.00
Long Island .....	3,005.50
Minerva .....	5,244.38
Mistletoe .....	2,132.45
Montauk .....	6,067.57
Nassau .....	772.50
Orion .....	2,201.54
St. Albans .....	3,250.00
Sanctorum .....	628.50
Sandalphon .....	145.00
Star of Bethlehem .....	480.00
Stella .....	2,577.00
Zeredatha .....	2,461.00

*Second District:***\$71,104.77**

Anthion Lodge .....	\$ 600.00
Baltic .....	1,016.25
Cassia .....	620.00
Clinton .....	467.00
Corner Stone .....	202.00
East New York .....	598.00
Euclid .....	110.00
Greenpoint .....	300.00
Hill Grove .....	1,502.50
Hyatt .....	15.00
Kilwinning .....	301.00
Manual .....	219.00
Marsh .....	787.00
Merchants .....	390.00
Oltmans .....	350.00
Progressive .....	127.00
Reliance .....	400.00
Ridgewood .....	500.00
Seawanhaka .....	311.50
Star of Hope .....	196.00
Sterling .....	762.37
Tuscan .....	1,071.50
Tyrian .....	10.00
Yew Tree .....	150.00

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*Chapters R. A. M.:*

Brooklyn .....	\$ 325.00
Constellation .....	200.00
Chaldean .....	25.00
DeWitt Clinton .....	100.00
Nassau .....	56.00
Orient .....	301.00

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\$1,007.00*Commanderies K. T.:*

Clinton .....	\$500.00
Damascus .....	101.00

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601.00

Aurora Grata Scottish Rite Bodies.....	\$400.00
Kismet Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.....	124.00

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524.00

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Grand Total ..... \$85,817.89

The total vote of Guild, as shown on list of delegates, prepared for Annual Meeting, is, 85,808, the discrepancy is accounted for by non-voting power of the odd cents.

Even dollars contributed.....	\$85,808.00
Footings of Cents Column.....	9.89

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\$85,817.89

## ASSETS.

Cash in Banks .....	\$ 11,646.50
Land and Building.....	469,609.18
Furniture and Fixtures.....	38,301.47

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\$519,557.24

Rent due .....	\$396.50
Interest .....	515.78
Bonds donated by J. S. Lawson.....	300.00

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1,212.28

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\$520,769.52

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds secured by mortgage.....	\$224,500.00
Equity .....	296,269.52

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\$520,769.52

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. TONSON,  
Treasurer.

*To the Brooklyn Masonic Guild and**Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of the State of New York:*

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, have examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and have compared the same with the foregoing Treasurer's report and find the statements contained therein correct.

We have also examined the bank books and find the amount of cash on deposit to be as stated in said report, \$11,646.59, and the equity \$296,269.52; an increase of \$42,417.25.

Your Committee calls attention to the fact that the net interest charge in the Treasurer's report of \$13,157.82 includes \$1,391.84 interest on the temporary loan to retire the outstanding liabilities of \$38,200.00, and \$515.78 due us from Trust Company for coupons of bonds deposited as collateral to the above mentioned temporary loan, which would make the actual net income from the building \$4,150.89.

THEODORE A. TAYLOR,

FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN,

JOHN E. SPARROW,

Dated April 15, 1911.

Auditing Committee,  
Brooklyn Masonic Guild.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE, ACCOUNT OF FAIR,  
HELD OCTOBER 17-29, 1910.

*To the Brooklyn Masonic Guild:*

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of The Brooklyn Masonic Guild, have examined and verified the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and those of the Manager of the Fair held October 17 to 29, 1910, and find the same correct.

We submit herewith a detailed report of receipts and disbursements to date:

## RECEIPTS.

Acanthus .....	\$2,047.99
Adytum .....	1,590.14
Altair .....	1,756.30
Anglo Saxon .....	1,166.84
Aurora Grata .....	986.78
Bedford .....	1,124.13
Bay Ridge .....	14.50
Brooklyn .....	2,797.86
Commonwealth .....	1,621.08
Cosmopolitan .....	1,022.82
Crystal Wave .....	475.85
Cambridge .....	83.50
Central .....	68.00
Covenant .....	958.75
Day Star .....	1,212.05
Delta .....	121.50
Carried forward .....	\$17,048.00



Brought forward .....	\$17,048.09
Ezel .....	462.84
Fortitude .....	508.55
Greenwood .....	2,203.54
Joppa .....	720.35
Kings County .....	37.00
Lexington .....	903.13
Long Island .....	1,044.51
Kedron .....	69.00
Minerva .....	1,681.61
Montauk .....	1,154.00
Mistletoe .....	190.00
Nassau .....	891.02
Orion .....	1,127.27
St. Albans .....	1,314.03
Stella .....	966.50
Sandalphon .....	238.80
Sanctorum .....	50.75
Star of Bethlehem .....	111.50
Zeredatha .....	1,262.73
Anthon—Hill Grove—Clinton .....	1,900.00
Baltic .....	972.50
Cassia .....	594.76
Corner Stone .....	33.25
Euclid .....	115.95
Greenpoint .....	208.45
Greenpoint and Reliance .....	489.72
Hyatt .....	725.25
Kilwinning .....	205.40
Merchants .....	496.00
Marsh .....	144.55
Progressive .....	416.65
Ridgewood .....	81.91
Sterling .....	139.75
Seawanhaka .....	73.70
Star of Hope .....	117.50
Tuscan .....	1,521.44
Tyrian .....	22.00
Dirigo .....	25.00
Lessing .....	17.00
Ninth District Lodges .....	530.00
Third District M. & P. M. Association .....	10.00
Ridgewood Chapter R. A. M. ....	3.00
Brooklyn Chapter R. A. M. ....	55.00
Constellation Chapter R. A. M. ....	10.00
Chaldean Chapter R. A. M. ....	32.00
DeWitt Clinton Chapter R. A. M. ....	35.00
Nassau Chapter R. A. M. ....	336.27
Clinton Commandery Knights Templar .....	10.00
DeWitt Clinton Commandery Knights Templar ...	10.00
Carried forward .....	\$41,317.27

Brought forward .....	\$41,317.27	
Damascus Commandery Knights Templar.....	10.00	
Bay Ridge Chapter O. E. S.....	491.60	
Crandall " " .....	26.20	
Day Star " " .....	5.00	
Flatbush " " .....	3.50	
Ideal " " .....	162.09	
Orient " " .....	10.00	
Stella " " .....	437.40	
Greenpoint " " .....	5.00	
Sandalphon " " .....	5.00	
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		\$42,473.06
Restaurant .....	\$ 228.34	
Side Shows .....	375.92	
Cash donations—not credited to Lodges.....	124.35	
Concessions .....	339.28	
Tickets—not credited to Lodges.....	2,546.30	
Advertising—not credited to Lodges.....	3,501.00	
Miscellaneous—Piano .....	\$709.50	
Auto .....	62.00	
Vase .....	62.50	
Typewriter .....	10.00	
Badges .....	7.00	
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		851.00
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		7,966.17
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		\$50,439.23
Actual receipts .....	\$51,561.99	
Less amounts paid for purchase of articles for ac-		
count of Lodges and deducted from booth receipts.	1,122.76	
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		\$50,439.23

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Services of Manager, Theo. C. Lefevre, and Assis-		
tants .....	\$4,000.00	
Postage .....	466.75	
Printing and Stationery.....	646.04	
Salaries, Clerks and Assistants.....	953.50	
Advertising Programme, etc.....	2,599.62	
Automobile .....	750.00	
Catering .....	410.15	
Music .....	790.00	
Tags and Badges.....	138.35	
Tent .....	185.00	
Carpenter .....	494.40	
Decorator .....	553.54	
Electric Sign .....	120.00	
Electric Work and Connection.....	29.54	
Sundries .....	652.81	
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		\$12,789.70

## SUMMARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies and other Bodies.	\$42,473.06	
Sale of Tickets, Advertising, Concessions, etc.....	7,966.17	<u>\$50,439.23</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries, Advertising, Music, etc., etc.....		<u>12,789.70</u>
Actual Net Proceeds—Fair.....		\$37,649.53
Less amount charged by rental Committee for use of Building during fair.....		<u>3,000.00</u>
		<u>\$34,649.53</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Booth returns—Cash .....	\$33,950.04	
Less expense charged to Lodges.....	1,122.76	<u>\$32,827.28</u>
Programme—Cards of Brooklyn Lodges.....	580.00	
Programme—Cards of outside bodies.....	285.00	
Programme advertising credited to Lodges.....	2,622.00	
Programme advertising not credited to Lodges.....	3,216.00	
		<u>\$6,703.00</u>
Tickets—credited to Lodges.....	1,803.75	
Tickets—not credited to Lodges.....	2,546.30	<u>4,350.05</u>
Badges—credited to Lodges.....	416.20	
Badges—not credited to Lodges.....	7.00	<u>423.20</u>
Piano—credited to Lodges.....	826.50	
Piano—not credited to Lodges.....	709.50	<u>1,536.00</u>
Automobile—credited to Lodges.....	2,881.00	
Automobile—not credited to Lodges.....	62.00	<u>2,943.00</u>
Vase—credited to Lodges.....	88.50	
Vase—not credited to Lodges.....	62.50	<u>151.00</u>
Typewriter—credited to Lodges.....		10.00
Restaurant .....		228.34
Side Shows .....		803.75
Cash donations—not credited to Lodges.....		124.35
Concessions .....		<u>339.26</u>
		<u>\$50,439.23</u>

Fraternally submitted,

THEODORE A. TAYLOR,  
FRED. G. LEMMERMANN,  
JOHN E. SPARROW.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 4, 1911.

## REPORT OF THE GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

R. W. CHRISTIAN C. GERHARDT, from the German Masonic Temple Association, presented the report of said Association, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

NEW YORK, April 20, 1911.

To M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and Brother:* Herewith I again submit the annual report of the German Masonic Temple Association, the thirty-fourth of its existence and the ninth of my occupancy of the office of President, and while my successor, R. W. FREDERICK ZIMMER, has been elected last January, it was deemed best that I should make this report, as it covers the entire year of 1910.

The past year has been prosperous and successful for our Association, but at this time we pause to pay a sad and reverend tribute to the memory of those who have been called to the higher Lodge above. These are:

W. BRO. GEORGE BETTHE, Klopstock Lodge, No. 760.

W. BRO. LOUIS JECKEL, Uhland Lodge, No. 735.

R. W. BRO. DR. A. F. FRECH, Trinity Lodge, No. 12, and Past District Deputy Grand Master Ninth District.

W. BRO. EMIL BARTSCH, Zschokke Lodge, No. 202.

W. BRO. CONRAD HOTTES, Fessler Lodge, No. 576.

W. BRO. HERMAN WEBER, Fessler Lodge, No. 576.

BRO. PHILIP HAAG, Solon Lodge, No. 771.

They were all faithful and earnest workers in the good cause. We cherish their memory and mourn their loss.

During the past year, as usual, we celebrated the annual Grape Festival, at our Home at Tappan, New York, which netted us the sum of \$4,430, which, with the income on our property at 220 East Fifteenth Street, New York City, supports our Home.

On this occasion we had the pleasure of greeting many distinguished Craftsmen, among them your good self, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master M. W. WILLIAM SHERER, and many other present and past Grand Lodge Officers, together with fully 5,000 Brethren, with their wives and families.

The Home, at present, is taking care of twenty-seven inmates, sixteen Brethren and eleven Sisters.

In conclusion, allow me to express the thanks of the German Masonic Temple Association, as well as my personal thanks, for the many courtesies shown the Association, and for the unfailing kind consideration with which we have always been treated by you, M. W. Sir, and by all the Grand Lodge Officers.

The report of the Financial Secretary is herewith appended.

Most fraternally yours,

CHRISTIAN C. GERHARDT,

*President of the German Masonic Temple Ass'n.*

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

## RECEIPTS.

Rent .....	\$ 6,782.50
Interest .....	679.20
Home .....	2,520.64
Donations .....	756.86
Trauben-Festival .....	5,511.82
Building Fund .....	57.27
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	\$16,308.29
Balance on hand, January 1, 1910....	2,886.85
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Total .....	\$19,195.14

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Maintenance of Home in Tappan.....	\$7,977.45
Temple Building, 220 East Fifteenth Street	5,246.53
Trauben-Festival .....	1,081.08
Building Fund .....	863.39
Mortgage .....	1,500.00
Other Disbursements .....	174.52
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	\$16,842.97
Balance on hand, January 1, 1911....	2,352.17
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Total .....	\$19,195.14

## RECAPITULATION.

Real Estate, 220 East Fifteenth Street.....	\$ 6,500.00
Inventory on same.....	3,500.00
Home at Tappan (New).....	77,043.90
Inventory on same.....	3,500.00
Home at Tappan (Old) and Grounds.....	25,000.00
Mortgages .....	11,500.00
Bonds .....	10.00
Deposited in Savings Bank.....	5,584.20
Balance on hand, January 1, 1911.....	2,352.17
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Grand Total .....	\$193,490.27
Verified by	

HENRY BREUNICH,  
*Financial Secretary.*

OSCAR CAHN,  
G. L. HARBAUER, } *Auditing Committee.*  
H. E. VOLLMERS, }

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

R. W. THOMAS HILLSON, President, submitted the report of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of New York (Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx), which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

To M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and Brother:* The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of New York, Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, organized pursuant to action of Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication in June, 1879, respectfully submits its thirty-second annual report, covering the year ending February 14, 1911.

### FINANCIAL.

Receipts for the year are as follows:

Balance on hand February 14, 1910.....	\$23,255.13
Dues from Lodges .....	3,301.20
From rents .....	605.00
Interest .....	1,047.14
Money returned .....	212.50
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	\$28,420.97

The disbursements for the year were as follows:

To charity, on 189 warrants.....	\$ 2,062.35
Taxes .....	339.42
For printing, books and stationery.....	51.95
New heater .....	597.99
New flooring .....	84.83
Painting .....	165.00
Metal ceiling .....	18.00
Repairs .....	30.80
For coal .....	72.00
Attendant at Shelter .....	250.00
For gas supply .....	41.04
For postage, telegrams, etc., etc.....	23.61
For salary of Secretary.....	500.00
For engrossed resolutions.....	30.00
For telephone .....	20.44
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	\$ 4,287.43
Balance on hand.....	24,133.54
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	\$28,420.97

It becomes a painful duty to record, that since our last report we have met with a great loss in the death of R.' W.' THOMAS MOORE and W.', GEORGE W. JOHNSON, officers and directors of our Board. BRO. MOORE was elected First Vice-President of the Board in 1884, and continued in that office until his death. BRO. JOHNSON was for many years a delegate and officer of the Board. Both of these Brethren were active and tireless members, ready at all times to respond to every call made on them by Brethren needing counsel and assistance. We miss them very much, indeed. We tender to the Lodges they represented our sincere sympathy over the loss we have all sustained in the death of these splendid men and Masons.

At the last regular meeting of the Board, it was determined to lower the per capita tax to ten cents. It is believed that the income derived from that source, together with interest on money in hand, will meet the demands incident to the carrying on of our work.

During the year we were put to considerable expense in replacing and changing the heating system in the Shelter, and for necessary repairs.

As it is not understood by all of our Brethren how we came in possession of our Shelter building, we would state, that for many years our meetings were held in the safe room of the old Masonic Hall, a room about 10 x 12 feet.

The fact of it being a safe room for the different Masonic bodies meeting in that building, made it a public room, where Secretaries could go at any time and have access to their safe. It was impossible to hire a Lodge room, as the rental charged made it prohibitive. The delegates often expressed dissatisfaction at the publicity of our sessions, incident to our meeting-room. The officers of the Board finally determined to form themselves into a Committee to solicit subscriptions from our Brethren, for the purpose of securing sufficient funds to purchase a building, where the work of the Board could be carried on without publicity.

We had responses from every section of the United States and Canada, the most notable being a donation of \$1,000 from R.' W.' JAMES B. GILLIE, of New York City, and a donation of \$100 per year for a number of years from Mecca Temple, New York City. We received large sums from concerts, lectures and entertainments, and a goodly number of Brethren contributed their mileage and per diem, received from attendance at Grand Lodge. When the Committee (self constituted) had sufficient funds on hand, they purchased the premises we now occupy, and had the deed for same made to The Masonic Board of Relief, so that, the purpose for which subscriptions were asked (that of being a place to hold our meetings and carry on our work), was fully carried out. It is, indeed, a sacred trust, and we appreciate the thoughtfulness of our Brethren in making us the custodians of the result of their labors.

We have made inquiries as to what it would have cost us to have sufficient office room in the new Masonic Hall, and find that it would not be much less than \$1,000 a year. We have never charged ourselves, in our report, with the rental value of space occupied by us in the Shelter.

We have been kept busy by the many demands made upon us by sojourning Brethren, widows and orphans. Prompt attention has been given to every call. Quite a number of those, who required medical atten-

tion, passed away, and were buried in the plot owned by us in Cypress Hill Cemetery.

We extend thanks to the physicians who have volunteered their services, and who responded promptly to every call made on them by the officers.

Our meetings have been well attended, and an increased interest in our charity work strongly manifested.

We have made it a rule, not to make public record of our work, beyond that usually shown in our reports.

To all who have assisted us, by their presence and coöperation, we extend most hearty thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS HILLSON,  
*President.*

JOHN R. POPE,  
*Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANTIQUITIES.

R. W. JOHN P. RUF, from the Committee on Antiquities, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and Brother:* The Committee on Antiquities respectfully submits the following annual report:

The first meeting of the Committee was held on June 25, 1910, in the library of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of organizing. There were present, in person or by proxy, R. W. JOHN P. RUF, R. W. JOHN G. SNYDER, R. W. JAMES K. STOCKWELL, R. W. ELMER B. SILVER, and R. W. WILLIAM H. LISK.

The meeting was called to order, and the following officers were elected:

R. W. JOHN P. RUF, Chairman.

R. W. FRANK V. MILLARD, Vice-Chairman.

R. W. JOHN G. SNYDER, Treasurer.

R. W. WILLIAM H. LISK, Secretary.

The Committee, in taking up its work for the year, found, that owing to the contemplated improvements on the fraternity property, it was necessary to remove the entire collection of antiquities from the old building on Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue. The space in the library in the Twenty-fourth Street building was not sufficient to display all of the possessions of the Grand Lodge under the charge of the Committee, and only a portion of them was so displayed. The balance, under the careful supervision of the Grand Librarian, were packed in closets in the



new building, there to remain until the Trustees determined their places of exhibition.

The Board of Trustees, after consulting with the Grand Librarian, who is a member of this Committee, gave permission to erect display cases in the anterooms of the various Lodge rooms on the new Twenty-fourth Street building. The Committee then, through the Grand Librarian, procured and placed in the anterooms, thirty-four cases, and there is now on display as much of the collection which could be suitably and properly displayed in the limited number of cases. The Committee did not have sufficient funds to erect any more display cases, and there is still in its possession many interesting articles that cannot be exposed to the view of the Craft until provision is made for their proper display, which can, by economical management, be accomplished during the next year.

Many valuable donations have been made to the collection of antiquities, and your Committee begs to express its thanks and the appreciation of the Craft to the following donors: BRO. FREDERICK E. BARNES, Past Commander of Palestine Commandery; BRO. JOHN P. MUNDS, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Maryland; R. W. BRO. JOHN E. VIRDEN, of Wyoming Lodge; R. W. BRO. MILLIGAN, of Lafayette Lodge; BRO. FRED. L. MARSHALL, of Lafayette Lodge; BRO. ALFRED F. EBEL, of Brooklyn, New York; M. W. THOMAS J. SHYROCK, Grand Master, Maryland; BRO. WILLIAM CAREY, Palestine Temple, Newport, Rhode Island; BRO. WILLIAM H. CRONDUCE, of Newport, Rhode Island; R. W. MARCUS W. BRAUN, of Columbian Lodge; R. W. BRO. STIEFEL, of Columbian Lodge, and to many others who have so cheerfully contributed to our collection.

Of BRO. S. R. ELLISON, Recorder of Mecca Temple, your Committee begs to make special mention. He presented a beautiful collection of Shrine Jewels to the Committee recently. Upon careful examination, it discloses, perhaps, one of the largest and most valuable collection of Shrine Emblems ever secured, and the Committee prizes it very highly. It is directed by the Grand Master to express his personal thanks and those of the Craft, therefor, to BRO. ELLISON.

We received from the previous Committee.....	\$416.00
Received from appropriation by the Grand Lodge.....	300.00

Total .....	\$716.00
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#### *Disbursements:*

For removing collection and repairing same, from old to new building .....	\$149.20	
Repairing cases .....	1.75	
Repairing clock .....	8.75	
Making 34 cases and placing same in the anterooms.....	511.45	671.15
Balance .....		\$44.83

We respectfully urge that a sufficient appropriation, of not less than \$700, be made to the Committee. It will furnish funds for the erection of the balance of the cases to accommodate the large collection of possessions, and, in a great measure, preserve them.

The Committee has worked in harmony, and what has been accomplished can best be seen by inspection of their work. One incident which has caused a shadow over the activities of the Committee during the year was the death of R. W. BRO. ANDREWS. The Committee formulated and have spread in full upon the minutes, a resolution anent his death. BRO. ANDREWS was the organizer of this Committee, and for many years, one of its members. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. RUF,  
JOHN G. SNYDER,  
WILLIAM H. LISK,  
WALTER F. GIBSON,  
JAMES K. STOCKWELL,  
WILLARD A. RILL,  
ELMER B. SILVER,

} Committee on Antiquities.

### REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

R. W. ABEL CROOK, Judge Advocate, presented the following report, which was ordered printed in the Proceedings, together with his opinions:

To M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

M. W. Sir and Dear Bro.: As Judge Advocate, I submit the following report for the past year:

My views upon matters of an executive and confidential nature have been communicated to you and are not included in this report. Questions of general interest and opinions *herewith reported* cover:

(1) The mode of enforcement of a reprimand adjudged by Grand Lodge trial commissioners.

(2) The procedure for enforcement of a fine.

(3) A suspended sentence, upon conviction in a criminal court, no bar to Masonic charges and trial.

(4) Lodge Minutes, when approved, "prima facie" evidence against a member as to the result of a ballot. If the minutes are incorrect, procedure for new ballot.

(5) The territorial jurisdiction of Lodges in Larchmont village.

(6) A trespass on territorial jurisdiction charged by Grand Master of another jurisdiction.

(7) Testimony before an invalid commission not admissible upon a subsequent trial before a lawful commission.

(8) Method of collection of stenographer's fees upon a Masonic trial.

(9) Installation of elected officer. The power of installing officer. The duty and remedy of one desiring to object that the officer is unworthy.

(10) The consent required for a dispensation to form a new Lodge in the Borough of Queens.

(11) The distinction between written or printed appeals to Lodges or Members for donations and a personal appeal, the former, only, requiring consent of the Grand Master.

(12) Documents soliciting donations from Lodges or individuals not to be issued without Grand Master's approval.

(13) The arrest of a Lodge charter for contumacy of Grand Master and violation of Constitution. Procedure against the Lodge and against the officers distinguished.

(14) Whether blank ballots at an election of officers are to be counted.

(15) The Warden of a Lodge under dispensation, who has not been subsequently installed and served as Master of a chartered Lodge ineligible to office of Master. Effect of such decision on Warden elected and installed at the same election.

(16) The status of one unaffiliated for non-payment of dues, including his right to a certificate and to apply for restoration or affiliation on payment of arrears.

(17) Lodge minutes evidence of service of summons on a delinquent member unaffiliated for non-payment of dues.

(18) The form of certificate to be given to an unaffiliate for non-payment of dues upon payment of arrears.

(19) A dimit not used by one changing residence to another Jurisdiction, but returning to another portion of the State. Waiver not necessary from Lodge of latter residence to entitle him to affiliate.

(20) Lodge has power to amend By-Laws to discriminate as to dues between classes of Members, but its exercise disapproved.

(21) Power of the Master to determine proficiency of candidate for advancement, regardless of a verbal objection by a Member not demanding a ballot.

(22) The necessity of a waiver of jurisdiction by a Lodge in Far Rockaway for a resident of that place making application to a Lodge in another Borough for initiation and advancement.

(23) Jurisdiction of a Lodge to maintain disciplinary proceedings against a fugitive unaffiliated Mason.

(24) Lodge jurisdiction over college students having a dual residence in the State.

(25) Power of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund relative to admission to the Home of a Mason's child whose mother has died, the father still living.

(26) Ballot for candidate not governed by Constitution but by Landmarks.

(27) Plea of guilty under indictment in a Criminal Court not presumptive evidence on trial of charges. Report of Lodge Trial Commissioners dismissing proceedings without prejudice not to be received by Lodge but case referred back for trial.

(28) Physical Disqualification. Status of candidate who has received Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees.

(29) Effect on territorial jurisdiction in case of change of meeting place within the town designated in Charter.

Clandestines and Clandestine Masonry have not required attention during the past year. The edict of the Grand Master, dated August 29, 1908, requiring the announcement in open Lodge of names of visitors, and that they be there vouched for by a member of the Lodge, and requiring, as a condition of examination the production of a certificate of the visitor's standing in his Lodge, and the regularity of such Lodge attested by the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction in which the Lodge is located, has proven efficient, and the recommendation of the Grand Master that a provision to such effect be incorporated in the Constitution, was adopted at the last Annual Communication, and has relieved the Judge Advocate from active efforts such as were necessary in former years. One of the two chief promoters of Clandestine Masonry has died, and the other is a fugitive from justice.

The several Judge Advocate reports for 1908, 1909 and 1910, suggested the advisability of a compilation of Masonic legal decisions and relevant matter contained in the official proceedings.

At the Annual Communication of 1910, the Grand Lodge, by resolution, referred the matter to the Committee on Constitution. Work in this direction, commenced by me in 1906 and continued at various times during the past five years, has been completed during the past year and submitted to the Committee on Constitution for its consideration. In accordance with the intention expressed in my report of 1908, I now present a manuscript copy to the Grand Lodge for its disposition. In view of the fact that it represents the views of many eminent and learned Craftsmen, who have held exalted positions as Grand Master or as members of important Committees, the book is dedicated to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, its Grand Masters, Officers and Committees, that all entitled thereto may receive due recognition. It necessarily involved a perusal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization, and the compilation of such matter therein contained as my experience as Judge Advocate led me to believe advisable. It is not intended to be an abstract of the entire Proceedings, nor to include every judgment or action of the Grand Lodge involving discipline or legislation. Determinations involving mere matters of fact, without presentation of Masonic legal questions, have been omitted. While perfection cannot be claimed, it is the result of a conscientious attempt to gather together matters which should be before the Craft for its guidance in the determination of Masonic questions frequently presented for consideration. If it shall meet with the approval of the Craft, and enable them to more readily understand and determine Masonic rulings, your Judge Advocate will feel fully compensated for his effort in this direction. It is proposed to copyright the work and transfer it to the Grand Secretary and his successors in office in trust for the Grand Lodge. An index Digest has been prepared, with topical headings for convenience of reference.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere regards to you for your uniform courtesy and consideration, which have been an ever present stimulus to performance. With every wish for your future happiness,

Sincerely yours,

ABEL CROOK,  
*Judge Advocate.*

Annexed are the opinions referred to in the foregoing Report.

OPINIONS OF R. W. ABEL CROOK, JUDGE ADVOCATE 1910-1911.

APPROVED BY GRAND MASTER M. W. ROBERT JUDSON  
KENWORTHY.

LXIX.

DISCIPLINE. JUDGMENT OF REPRIMAND AND FINE.

*Matter of Cryer.*

This case is reported by the Commission of Appeals, pp. 372-373, Pro. 1910, whose conclusion was overruled by the Grand Lodge. The penalty upon conviction was reprimand, to which was added a requirement that defendant pay certain expenses of the trial.

The trial was under the former Constitution and Code of Procedure in force before May 6, 1909. The penalty was prescribed by Grand Lodge Trial Commissioners under Section 29 former Code of Procedure and was that provided by Sub-division 1, Section 3, of such Code, which specifies as a penalty "reprimand or censure." No specific method of administering such reprimand or censure appears in such former Constitution or Code of Procedure, and doubtless the Trial Commissioners had this in mind when they specifically administered the reprimand in their judgment, so far as could be done by them. This judgment has been affirmed by the Grand Lodge and is "res adjudicata" estopping all question. There is no provision for a further reprimand or censure by the Grand Master or his Deputy. The Grand Master, under Section 22 present Constitution, has power to convene Charity Lodge, of which defendant is a member, or to depute this power to his District Deputy, and communicate the action of the Commissioners and of the Grand Lodge, but it is questionable whether, in such case any additional action could be taken. The substantial object in view is to communicate to Charity Lodge the action of the Trial Commissioners confirmed by the Grand Lodge. It matters not whether the sentence be expulsion or suspension or reprimand, the Lodge should be informed and an entry should be made upon its Minutes. A copy of the Report of the Commissioners certified by the Grand Secretary should be served upon the Lodge with notice that it is done by direction of the Grand Master, and requesting that it be read before the Lodge and spread in full upon its Minutes. This course will preserve the dignity of the proceeding and enforce the respect which must be paid to Grand Lodge adjudications. A similar certified copy should be served upon BRO. CRYER with a demand by the Grand Secretary in his official capacity, requiring the payment to him as such Grand Secretary by BRO. CRYER of the sum of \$427.87 specified in Paragraph Third of the judgment of the Commissioners. This should be served upon him by the Grand Secretary personally or by some one designated by the Grand Secre-

tary for such purpose, and the service should be upon BRO. CRYER personally and not by leaving at his office or residence. The party serving it should make affidavit of such service to be filed with the Grand Secretary. Failure to pay the amount within a reasonable time will constitute "prima facie" contumacy of the Grand Lodge justifying charges and trial for a Masonic offense, in which proceeding a defaulting defendant would be afforded an opportunity to be heard in defense of his contumacy. His guilt or innocence of the original charge is no longer open to review, because the Grand Lodge by its action has finally determined that matter. Action of the character outlined seems demanded to uphold the dignity of the Grand Lodge and its Commissioners and enforce respect for its disciplinary power, which otherwise will lose respect because of the futility of invocation of such power.

## LXX.

## COMMISSIONERS' JUDGMENT AFFIRMED BY GRAND LODGE FINAL. PROCEDURE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF FINE.

*Matter of Cryer.*

Subsequent to the above opinion a letter was received from BRO. CRYER claiming exemption from payment of the fine upon the grounds:

*First.* That the amount had been paid by the Grand Lodge, and  
*Second.* His illness and absence.

Thereupon the following supplemental opinion was given:

I assume that this is in reply to a letter from the Grand Secretary in accordance with the suggestion made by me, dated September 9th, 1910. Bro. Cryer was disciplined under the Constitution and Code of Procedure in force prior to the revision adopted in 1909. Such former Constitution, Section 134 provided as follows:

"The expenses which may be incurred by the Commissioners in conducting a Masonic trial shall be borne by one or both of the parties to the controversy, as may be determined by the Commissioners and set forth in their report, and payment of such expenses may be enforced by proper Masonic discipline, subject to a like right of appeal, to be taken by an aggrieved party within the time, and proceeded with in manner prescribed in Sec. 130."

The appeal referred to was from the decision of the Trial Commissioners under Section 130 of that Constitution, which appeal has been taken and the decision of the Commissioners finally affirmed by the Grand Lodge. Hence the payment of the expenses becomes part of the penalty inflicted upon the defendant. A provision to substantially the same effect exists under Section 28 of the revised Code of Procedure. It is true that the latter Code specifically provides for the employment of a stenographer, which language did not appear in the former Constitution or Code, but the word "expenses" in the former Constitution has been by long-established custom construed to

include the fee of stenographers when employed. BRO. CRYER stated that he protested against such employment. The record is not before me, but, assuming his statement to be correct, the fact is not changed that the Commissioners in the exercise of their judgment did employ a stenographer and such expense was incurred, and the charge against him of one-half thereof is part of the judgment made conclusive by the Grand Lodge. The purpose of the Section of the new Constitution was to enable the Commissioners to direct such expense to be paid as the trial should proceed, and doubtless resulted from the protracted trial in this case by reason of the dilatory motions and many objections, and great amount of testimony of the defense. If BRO. CRYER proposes to raise a jurisdictional question with a view to application to the State Courts for an injunction to prevent a further trial because of his refusal to comply with the judgment, this can be determined upon charges against him for contumacy. In such case it would be necessary for him to establish to the satisfaction of the Court that the Grand Lodge was without jurisdiction to inflict that penalty upon him. What the decision of the Court would be cannot be positively anticipated, but nothing short of a judgment of want of jurisdiction would relieve him. It is a question of policy whether the effort to collect should, or should not be made. It cannot arise again in any proceeding since the enactment of the revised Constitution and Code of Procedure. The suggestion that the Grand Master has ordered such expense paid by the Grand Treasurer to the stenographer does not affect the question. A provision to that effect is contained in Section 41 of the former Code of Procedure, and is retained in Section 48 of the new Code of Procedure. The purpose of this was that the Commissioners should be indemnified, but this does not relieve the defendant from his duty in this respect. His absence from the City and the reason therefor are irrelevant, except in so far as it may be offered as an excuse for failure to promptly make payment. His protestation of innocence is unavailing after the final judgment of the Grand Lodge, which conclusively binds him and establishes his guilt.

#### LXXI.

#### SUSPENDED SENTENCE UPON CONVICTION NO BAR TO MASONIC CHARGES AND TRIAL. COURT RECORD PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF GUILT.

##### *Matter of Piatt Lodge.*

A member of that Lodge accused by a Gas Company of stealing gas by means of a pipe from the Gas Company's main pleaded guilty and was fined with a suspended sentence. The question is asked whether suspended sentence would be considered the same as conviction. WOR. BRO. PANARELLO describes it as a felony. The crime of making a connection with gas mains with intent to injure or defraud is covered by Section 1431 of the Penal Law, being Chapter 88 of the Laws of 1909, which took effect March 12th, 1909, and it is made a misdemeanor, not a felony. This, however, is immaterial. It is a crime and as such a masonic offense. A plea of guilty followed by a judgment is a conviction upon a trial, and the record of the judgment of the Court

properly exemplified or certified or proven by an examined copy thereof with proof of identity of the accused is made by Section 27 of the Code of Procedure presumptive evidence of the commission of the offense, and sufficient to justify a conviction by a Masonic tribunal, unless it be proven that such judgment has been reversed or set aside, or that an appeal has been taken therefrom and remains undermined. An appeal from the judgment of conviction would stay without prejudice proceedings upon a Masonic trial until the determination of the appeal.

Under the Lewis case, decided by the Commissioners of Appeals and affirmed by the Grand Lodge (G. L. Pro. 1902, P. 234), the Court record is presumptive evidence, but this presumption may be rebutted by contrary proof, the burden of proof being thrown upon the convicted person. The Court record has not been produced, but if a fine was imposed a judgment must have been entered. Suspension of sentence bears upon infliction of the punishment and does not vacate the judgment which remains in force. In my opinion charges may be presented and trial had in the same manner as though the conviction had been for a felony.

## LXXII.

MINUTES WHEN APPROVED, PRIMA FACIE, CONTROLLING AS TO RESULT OF BALLOT. IF SUBSEQUENTLY UPON MOTION, THEY BE DECLARED INCORRECT, BALLOT TO BE TREATED AS A NULLITY AND LODGE SUMMONED FOR BALLOT.

### *Matter of Park Lodge.*

The facts stated are in substance that in the absence of the Master the Senior Warden presided as acting Master at the communication of September 6th, 1910. A ballot was had upon an application for initiation and advancement. The acting Junior Warden reported the ballot clear. The acting Senior Warden reported it cloudy. The submitted correspondence is mere hearsay relative to the action of the presiding Master, one letter stating that the candidate was declared rejected, the second letter declaring that the former statement was incorrect. The Minutes clearly and definitely state that the candidate was rejected, whereupon a motion was made "that the acting Master communicate with the Grand Master as to a decision on the ballot." In my opinion, the Minutes must control. Our Constitution, Section 62, provides that the Minutes are to be approved by the Lodge before it is closed and when so approved they cannot be altered or expunged. If there was an error in the record, it might be corrected by vote of the Lodge at a subsequent Communication, but until this is done the Minutes cannot be assailed. The case, then, is governed by Section 90 of the Constitution which prohibits a reconsideration of an adverse ballot and the candidate stands rejected for twelve months from September 6th, 1910. If the record be erroneous and be corrected to show that the acting Master made no declaration, either of acceptance or rejection, the status of the candidate is to be considered. Section 94 of the Constitution provides that the ballot commenced must be



completed and the result declared; that it cannot be postponed or adjourned. This provision is for the government of the Lodge, and if not complied with, the Lodge or its officers are in error, but this should not work to the injury of a petitioner who should not be penalized because of the errors of the Lodge or its officers. In such case it is just that the ballot procedure in the case of this Brother should be declared a nullity, in which case the matter should be presented to the Lodge at a future summoned communication. A similar course was followed in the matter of York Lodge, Op. XX, Judge Advocate, G. L. Pro. 1910, 522.

In that case the Lodge erred in permitting a collective ballot. A single black-ball appeared and the Master declared all the candidates rejected. The Grand Master, concurring with the Judge Advocate, held the procedure void and ordered a new ballot, at the same time ordering that the Lodge should be summoned to the end that each member should be afforded an opportunity to express his wish relative to the acceptance or rejection of each petitioner. I recommend that Park Lodge be advised that the petitioner stands rejected until one year from September 6th, 1910, unless the Lodge, upon motion to correct the Minutes shall determine that they are incorrect and that, in fact, the acting Master did not declare the candidate rejected, in which case the procedure should be determined null and void, and the Lodge advised to summon its members at a Regular Communication for the purpose of balloting upon the application of the candidate.

### LXXIII.

#### TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION LARCHMONT VILLAGE. EFFECT OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE OF PETITIONER ELECTED IN LODGE OF JURISDICTION OF FORMER RESIDENCE.

##### *Matter of Huguenot and Apawamis Lodges.*

It appears that the village of Larchmont is midway between New Rochelle on the South and Mamaroneck on the North. For Masonic jurisdictional purpose it is territorially divided by an imaginary line in the centre of the town. Over the South side Huguenot Lodge has jurisdiction and over the North side Apawamis Lodge has jurisdiction. Two years ago a petitioner residing within the North territory applied for membership in Apawamis Lodge. He was elected, but never qualified. His residence has been removed to the territory of Huguenot Lodge and he desires to apply for membership in that Lodge. The question asked is can Huguenot Lodge accept him. A similar question was passed upon in 1866. A year had elapsed after a favorable ballot upon the petition for initiation. A demand for re-ballot had been made and laid over and the candidate had been requested to come forward for initiation. Grand Master HOLMES (Pro. 1866, p. 19) decided that the Lodge had lost all jurisdiction over him and that he could be proposed in a second Lodge and initiated without recourse to the former Lodge. This decision was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Condition of Masonry (Pro. 1866, p. 81) and the report

was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Constitution of 1854 with amendments not material to the present question was in force. Claim of perpetual jurisdiction by a lodge over material submitted to it for consideration has been materially modified. Territorial jurisdiction is protected within the limits of Section 85 of our present Constitution and yet withdrawal of membership is recognized as a right by Regulation 17. Section 89, Constitution, prohibits the receipt of a petition if it discloses that a petition of the same person is "*pending*" in another Lodge, and Section 95 prohibits affirmative action upon a petition if it be ascertained that the petitioner has been rejected within twelve months prior to the petition. These recent amendments were intended to prevent dual contemporaneous applications for membership such as appeared in Matter of Remmert, who had contemporaneously applied to two lodges, one of which accepted and the other rejected him. Grand Master SCUDDER adopted the opinion of the Judge Advocate (No. XXVII, Pro. 1910, p. 531) and held that the application could be received, but initiation must be deferred until twelve months after the rejection. The petitioner in the present case by his change of residence is within the jurisdiction of Huguenot Lodge and its right to receive his application turns upon the construction of the word "*pending*," used in Constitution, Section 89. The Century Dictionary defines it as "remaining undecided," "not terminated," "period before final judgment." The petition is pending only during the period before the judgment of the Lodge is announced, either by acceptance or rejection. In the absence of any express Constitutional provision to the contrary, the decision of the Grand Lodge in 1866 should control. I am of the opinion that petitioner may properly apply to Huguenot Lodge for initiation and advancement.

## LXXIV.

## TRESPASS ON TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. RESIDENCE ERRONEOUSLY STATED IN PETITION. REMEDY.

*Matter of D'Arville.*

An exhaustive investigation was made because the subject was in the nature of a complaint by the Grand Master of the State of New Jersey, accompanied with a request for such investigation which comity demanded should be thorough. The Grand Master of New Jersey, having been informed that D'ARVILLE was a resident of the State of New Jersey and had applied for membership in Mosaic Lodge in that State and been rejected, protested against his initiation and advancement in Sylvan Grove Lodge in this State. The investigation disclosed that the Grand Master of New Jersey had been misinformed in respect to the alleged rejection.

On September 3rd, 1910, the date of the petition of D'ARVILLE, and on October 12, 1910, the date of his acceptance by Sylvan Grove Lodge and subsequently he had not resided in the State of New York for the twelve months immediately preceding such dates and period. His petition to Sylvan Grove Lodge, while not in all respects conforming to

the requirements of Section 87 of our Constitution contains sufficient to relieve the Lodge from any charge of intentional trespass upon the territorial jurisdiction of New Jersey, because in his own handwriting D'ARVILLE stated that on September 3rd, 1910, he resided at No. 413 West 30th Street, New York City, and has resided in the State of New York the twelve months last past. This statement is false and is especially deceiving because when asked to state the places in which he had resided the ten years last past he gives the order of residence as Copenhagen, New Jersey, and New York City. His lengthy residence in New York, however, was prior to his residence in New Jersey. The statements presented by Mosaic Lodge and confirmed by the affidavit of D'ARVILLE establish that his family consists of himself and wife and that their present residence is at Park Place in Ridgefield Park, State of New Jersey. He is an alien, a citizen of Denmark. He states that at some time, not designated, he took out first papers for naturalization in the Southern District of the State of New York. This is the only indication that he ever intended to permanently reside in New York or to acquire a domicile therein. His purpose in taking out these papers was that he might eventually become a citizen of the United States and would apply equally well to any State which he might subsequently choose as his residence. He resided in New York from 1904 to about April, 1908, when he leased one-half of a double house on Teaneck Road, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, which he occupied with his wife continuously until about March, 1910, when she removed to Highland Place, Ridgefield Park, and then he took a room at No. 413 West 30th Street, New York City, which he occupied *"off and on"* when he was obliged to work overtime in his occupation as electrical foreman on a railroad. At the time of his petition, September 3rd, 1910, he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. When not working *"overtime"* he went to New Jersey, and also spent his Sundays there. His occupation of the room in New York was not that of a permanent resident, but of a mere sojourner for his temporary convenience, and he says it terminated about November 1st, 1910. It thus appears by his own declaration that at the time of his petition on September 3rd, 1910, he had not even temporarily sojourned in the State of New York more than six months; certainly not for the one year required by our Constitution. Treating this statement as a confession, which, under Penal Law rulings, might require corroboration, the latter is fully made by the statements of the New Jersey brethren, who positively state their knowledge that he has been a resident of the Village of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, with his wife since May, 1908. To one of these brethren (GOESLING) he stated that he was to be initiated in a New York lodge, but did not know the name of the Lodge, and on October 12th, his wife called upon BRO. GOESLING and stated that the initiation was to occur that evening, but she did not know the name of the lodge. A few days afterwards D'ARVILLE gave to BRO. GOESLING the name of Sylvan Grove Lodge. To another Brother (HUNTER), D'ARVILLE stated that he was about to get his Second Degree in the New York Lodge, and when asked if he had a waiver from the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey stated that he was *"supposed to be living in New York."* A member of Mosaic Lodge states that he lived in the same house in a portion of which D'ARVILLE re-

sided and kept house on Park Street, near Lincoln Avenue, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, from about July 15, 1910, when D'ARVILLE moved into that house, and during the period to November 17th, D'ARVILLE slept regularly in the house, with the exception of two or three nights. It is difficult to conceive how D'ARVILLE could have innocently thus misrepresented his residence in his petition to the Lodge. It was filled up in his own handwriting and when, on September 3rd, he stated that he had resided in the State of New York for twelve months last past he must have known that at that very time he and his wife were occupying a flat, and had done so for more than a month previously in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, and that his temporary sojourn in West 30th Street had not been in all over six months, if, in fact, it had not terminated on July 25th, more than a month before he filled up the petition. In my opinion, Sylvan Grove Lodge cannot be charged with willful wrongdoing, notwithstanding it, in fact, was without jurisdiction to initiate D'ARVILLE.

Section 9 of our Definitions treats "residence" as substantially synonymous with "domicile." Grand Master SCUDDER, in his address Pro. 1907, p. 54, held that jurisdiction over a rejected candidate terminated at the expiration of twelve months regardless of his previous residence, whether within this or another jurisdiction. This, however, does not cover the present case, because it is not one of "rejection" in another jurisdiction, but a total failure to acquire a residence to confer jurisdiction. Our Constitution prohibits the initiation of a person unless he has been a resident of the State of New York for twelve months *next preceding the date of petition* for such initiation, and further prohibits the initiation of a non-resident without the consent of the Lodge in the jurisdiction of which such candidate resides. The initiation of D'ARVILLE was within this prohibition and for this he is responsible, because the Lodge was justified in assuming the truth of his statement in his application probably repeated to the Investigating Committee. He apparently has committed a Masonic offense. At my interview with R. W. BRO. HAROLD E. LIPPINCOTT, District Deputy of the Sixth Masonic District, within which Sylvan Grove Lodge is located, he expressed the belief that D'ARVILLE was innocent in his misrepresentation and that when he stated that he resided in the State of New York "the twelve months last past," he probably did not understand that he must have resided the entire twelve months but during a portion thereof, and stated that his opinion was based upon the frankness of D'ARVILLE's statement to him. This is a charitable view. Whether ignorant or guilty of intentional deceit, he has been initiated and this cannot be recalled. If his residence were in New York, he could not be advanced until the expiration of the full period of twelve months of continuous residence therein. If this temporary residence be conceded yet, Sylvan Grove Lodge has no jurisdiction over him without the consent of the Lodge of his New Jersey residence. I recommend that the matter be reported to the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New Jersey for his consideration and for such recommendation as he may deem advisable, whether charges should be preferred against D'ARVILLE and trial had upon notice to all parties interested or whether consent to his advancement in Sylvan Grove Lodge should be given by Mosaic Lodge. Unless and until such con-

sent be obtained, or a lawful residence in New York be established for the required period, I recommend that the advancement of D'ARVILLE in Sylvan Grove Lodge be interdicted.

## LXXV.

TESTIMONY BEFORE INVALID COMMISSION. HOW USED BEFORE A SUBSEQUENT COMMISSION.

*Matter of Island City Lodge.*

It appears that a complaint was made by R. W. DESMOND O. EVERHARD against a member of Island City Lodge, of which BRO. EVERHARD is not a member. A Lodge Commission proceeded with the trial and took considerable evidence which involved considerable expense. On discovering the fact that the Lodge had no jurisdiction because the prosecutor and the defendant were not members of the same Lodge, the proceeding was dismissed and a new complaint made by the Lodge through its Junior Warden against its member.

The question asked is whether the testimony taken in the void proceeding can be used in the present proceeding? In my opinion, if objection is made, this testimony cannot be read or made part of the trial. Under the circumstances, if the same counsel appear for the defendant, it would be proper for the Junior Warden to offer to read the testimony with the same effect as though it had been taken in the present trial, and save labor and repetition of testimony. The defendant's counsel would be justified in permitting it to be thus used without objection, because there has been full opportunity for cross-examination to elicit the truth. If, however, defendant's counsel shall deem it his duty to object and require the repetition, I suggest that the commission be requested to take the testimony at the office of BRO. EVERHARD or in some near locality for the convenience of witnesses and to avoid unnecessary expense. No opinion is expressed as to the merits of the case, which must be left with the trial commission. It is unfortunate that want of jurisdiction was not earlier discovered, but it would be unwise to attempt to establish a precedent, the following of which would be regretted, if indeed it did not encourage litigation on the part of the defendant if an attempt were made to discipline him in violation of established legal principles.

## LXXVI.

STENOGRAPHER'S FEES ON MASONIC TRIAL. MODE OF ENFORCING PAYMENT.

*Matter of Pythagoras Lodge.*

It appears that a member of Pythagoras Lodge, after trial by a Lodge Commission, was found guilty of a Masonic offense, with judgment of expulsion, and was ordered to pay the stenographer's bill of \$140. He has neglected to make the payment, and has appealed from the judgment, and such appeal is now pending before the Grand Lodge. The question asked is whether he can be compelled to pay this bill as

a condition of appeal. The stenographer threatens suit against the Lodge and the commission which employed him. Primarily the employer is the debtor. There are exceptions to the rule. Our State Court of Appeals held in *Bonyng vs. Field*, 81 N. Y. 159, that a stenographer cannot hold an attorney in a case liable for his fees in the absence of a special agreement to be responsible for the service. In such case the remedy is against the client, because the relation of the attorney is that of an agent of the client. If the employment was distinctly personal, the liability exists. The case presented is not clear upon this point. Assuming that the Commissioners be treated as lodge agents with authority to employ the stenographer so as to render the lodge primarily liable, and that by reason of the judgment the defendant has been charged with payment by way of indemnity, there is no express provision in our Constitution or Code of Procedure making such payment a condition of the right to appeal, because if the defendant has been wrongly convicted and the conviction should be reversed, he may well claim that the sentence should be set aside, and this would cover not only the expulsion, but the expense of the proceeding. Until the recent revision of the Code of Procedure, there was no provision for the employment of a stenographer, but by Section 16, former Code, one of the Commissioners was chosen as "clerk to keep the Minutes of the proceedings and of the testimony." Section 28 of the revised Code permits the Commissioners to employ a stenographer and "the reasonable expense thereof shall be a lawful charge \* \* \* and may be directed to be paid as the trial proceeds in such manner as the Trial Commissioners direct." The purpose of this amendment was to prevent either party from adducing unnecessary testimony to increase the expense, and the Commissioners might have required each party to pay a portion of the stenographer's fee for the testimony produced by such party, or have entirely charged it against either party as the trial proceeded. This power appears not to have been exercised in the present case. Had the order been made and disobeyed, this would have constituted contumacy for which an independent charge could have been made against the contumacious party, and a trial had for such specific Masonic offense. Under the circumstances of the present case and to exonerate the Commissioners who ought not to be personally charged, I recommend that Pythagoras Lodge pay the stenographer a reasonable sum for his services, which seems to have been fixed at \$140, and that its Trustees take an assignment of the claim to be kept alive to be enforced against the defendant if the judgment be affirmed and he be financially responsible.

## LXXVII.

*Matter of Prime.*

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICER. POWER OF INSTALLING OFFICER.  
RIGHT OF OBJECTION. DUTY AND REMEDY OF OBJECTOR.

The question presented is based upon a hypothetical assumption and is academical and ordinarily would not call for an opinion from the

Grand Master, but respect for the high character and attainment of the interrogator and its intrinsic importance justify departure from the rule generally adopted. It assumes that a member of a Lodge within the knowledge of other members is unworthy, and yet likely to be elected Master of his Lodge. That the members possessing knowledge of the facts, desiring to avoid scandal and also to obey the Grand Lodge Constitution, do not desire to publish what they know. It refers to the arrival of the time for installation and pictures the Master-elect standing before the altar in the presence of the Brethren possessing the above knowledge, and asks what is the proper Masonic procedure in dealing with such a situation. It suggests that one member of the Lodge may arise and object, and inquires "has the installing officer any right whatever, in front of and before the assembled members, to demand that the reason for the objection be stated in public," and suggests as an answer, "that the installing officer without requiring a public reason for the objection should suspend the installation and refer the matter of objection for report to him personally." It argues that the installing officer is for all purposes by precedent and for installation the representative of the Grand Master, and that it is for his opinion alone that the objection is to be made, and if the reasons are to be given it is for his information alone. It intimates that the objection might "be founded upon the fraud of the Master-elect in reporting the vote in the Lodge one way, when, in fact, it was the other way," and suggests among the votes to which this might apply a ballot for an affiliation or for initiation, and calls attention to the constitutional prohibition relative to disclosing the ballot by an individual member.

At the outset it should not be forgotten that the Grand Lodge and its presiding officer, the Grand Master, are of relative modern origin, and that Lodges possess all their inherent powers which have been recognized from time immemorial, except in so far as these powers have been by their consent delegated or granted to the Grand Lodge, and this proposition should be ever borne in mind in dealing with fundamental questions.

Mackey, in his *Jurisprudence*, seventh edition, page 310, states the rule as follows:

"Whatever powers and prerogatives a Lodge may now possess, are those which have always been inherent in it by the Ancient Landmarks of the order. No new powers have been created in it by the Grand Lodge. The Regulations of 1721 were a concession as well as a reservation on the part of the subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge was established by the Fraternity for the purposes of convenience in government. Whatever powers it possesses were yielded to it freely and by way of concession by the Fraternity, not as the representatives of the Lodges, but as the Lodges themselves, in general assembly convened. The rights, therefore, which were conceded by the Lodges, they have not, but whatever they did not concede, they have reserved to themselves, and they claim and exercise such rights, not by grant from the Grand Lodge, but as derived from the Ancient Landmarks and the old Constitutions of the Order. This axiom must be constantly borne in mind, as it will be necessary for the elucidation of many points of Masonic law, concerning the rights and powers of subordinate Lodges."

Among the powers cited by Mackey are "to elect its officers" and "to install its officers after being elected."

The same author, at page 323, referring to the Master and Wardens, writes:

"These officers it is the inherent right of every Lodge to select for itself, and that right has never been surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and therefore is still vested in the Lodges, under such regulations as may from time to time be adopted. The other officers have been the creation of Grand Lodge regulations, and they vary in name and functions in different countries. But whatever may be the nature of the offices, the power of selecting the office-bearers is always vested in the Lodges. There is no law now in existence, nor ever was, which gives the Grand Lodge the power of selecting the officers of one of its subordinates."

Speaking of installation, the same author, at pages 324 and 325, states the proposition: "A Lodge has the right to install its officers after being elected" and adds:

"This power of installation, like all the other powers of subordinate Lodges, is controlled and directed by certain Grand Lodge regulations, which it is not in the power of the Lodge to set aside.

"The installation, for instance, must take place at the Communication immediately before or on the festival of St. John the Evangelist. This is considered as the commencement of the Masonic year, and on that day the old officers vacate their seats, which are assumed by the new ones. But if by any circumstance the installation has been omitted until after this festival, the law having been violated, and there being no other law which provides for an installation after that day, the installation can then only take place by the authority and under the dispensation of the Grand Master."

As to the officer who may conduct the installation, a distinction is drawn between the ceremony of constitution, which, by the Old Regulations, can only be performed by the Grand Master, and all subsequent installations which may be conducted by any Past Master of the Lodge or other Past Master representing him, because the warrant from the Grand Lodge gives this power. It therefore follows that the installation referred to in the present case would be in accordance with our Constitution, Section 41, by an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge, who does not represent the Grand Master, but performs the act because it is authorized by the charter of the Lodge.

At page 329 Mackey calls attention to the fact that a Masonic Lodge is not self-created or independent, but derives power and its existence from the Grand Lodge, which constitutes a supreme tribunal to adjudicate for it, and from this deduces the basis of control by the Grand Lodge.

The same doctrine is substantially stated by Past Grand Master SIMONS, in his *Treatise on Masonic Jurisprudence*. At page 75, he writes:

"While in the beginning Lodges were unrestricted by any superior authority, and were therefore supreme in themselves, yet, at the formation of Grand Lodges, certain of their powers were necessarily surrendered for the general good, just as individuals and communities divest themselves of a portion of their political rights, that all may enjoy a uniform protection at the hands of a supreme government. The idea



of the surrender of a portion of their rights by Lodges, carries with it the reservation of certain others, inherent in the Lodge, and not subject to dispensation or other act of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. This is a most important distinction, and one that it is necessary to keep in remembrance in the decision of many of the questions that may be presented. The general tendency of all governments and legislative bodies is to cumulate power—to exercise not only the authority delegated to them by the people, but gradually to increase that authority by encroachments upon the original sovereignty. We believe in the simple doctrine that subordinate Lodges are, as to many matters which have received the legislative action of Grand Lodges, sovereign bodies, and that any action which interferes with that sovereignty is of necessity illegal and void; and that, unless the reserved and inherent rights of Lodges are well defined and understood, the time will come when those rights will be extinguished, partly through direct legislation, and partly from neglect, on the part of the subordinates, to assert and maintain them. The Lodge organization is the normal condition of the Fraternity; Grand Lodges, the result of necessity growing out of the widespread popularity and extension of the institution, and intended to preserve uniformity of doctrine and practice by mutual consultation on the part of the representatives of the subordinate Lodges. While each remains in its own sphere of action, the result must continue to be in the future, as it has been in the past, for the greatest good of the Craft. Let it, however, be remembered that the Grand Lodge acts by delegated powers, and that, so far as those powers are concerned, it must be supreme, but that the reserved powers of the Lodge are inherent, and cannot be interfered with by any act of the Grand Lodge; nay, more: we insist that these powers cannot be delegated, if the Lodge were so minded; for their possession by the subordinate body is a Landmark—a fundamental principle—that no man or body of men can remove.”

Past Grand Master SIMONS states that among the inherent powers of the Lodge controlled only by the Ancient Landmarks is, “to elect and install its officers.”

At page 78 he adds:

“It is usual and proper for Grand Lodges to fix, by constitutional provision, the time and manner of electing officers; but, in the election, the Lodge is entirely uncontrolled, save by its own By-Laws and the usages of Masonry. The Grand Lodge may say, that at a given time a Lodge must elect a Master, two Wardens, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, but it cannot interfere with the choice by the Brethren of persons to fill those offices.”

At page 146 he asserts that installation is essential before the officer can legally enter upon his duties, and adds:

“The act of installation \* \* \* consists of the presentation of the officers-elect to the installing officer, on whose demand the Brethren acknowledge that they are the persons elected, and that they (the Brethren) remain satisfied with their choice. (This is the proper time to make objections, if any are to be made, against any irregularity that may have occurred on the balloting; for it is held that if the installation be allowed to proceed without objection, it will then be too late to make complaint.)”

Our *Monitor* states that the installation of the officers of new Lodges

is done by the Grand Master or his proxy, but in *existing* Lodges, it is the prerogative of the retiring Worshipful Master, but may be done by his proxy. There is no provision requiring the installing officer to invite objections to the installation. The Marshal introduces the Master-elect and to him the question is put: "Have you carefully examined the Brother, and do you find him qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he has been elected?" And, upon an affirmative answer, the installation proceeds.

Our Constitution does not prescribe a form of installation, but regulates the time "at or before the next stated Communication after election, which is to be held at the last stated Communication of such Lodge in the month of December."

The Landmarks defined by M. W. JOSEPH D. EVANS, and forming an Appendix to our Constitution, page 99, are silent upon the subject.

Section 41, Constitution, uses mandatory language: "The officers *must* be chosen annually by ballot and by a majority of votes at the last stated Communication of such Lodge in the month of December \* \* \* and be installed at or before the next stated Communication thereafter by an *actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge*." It provides that in case of failure to elect or to install a Master or Wardens, the Grand Master "may grant a dispensation to such Lodge to elect or install such officer or officers." It does not grant power to the Grand Master, or to any other officer, to prohibit the election or to nullify it, and, as before stated, no such power inherently exists in any officer.

Section 21, Subdivision 6, of the Constitution, authorizes the Grand Master to *suspend* an elected officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office, but there must be cause, and by implication proof thereof, which can be lawfully furnished to him sufficient to justify temporary suspension preliminary to lawful discipline by charges and trial, with the right of appeal. This power is not tantamount to removal of the elected officer, or a nullification of an election, but is a mere *suspension* of the officer from the functions of his office pending investigation and lawful trial, which may sustain or disprove the charge. While subordinate Lodges exist by virtue of Grand Lodge warrants, which may be forfeited, the Landmark right of the subordinate body to judge for itself, while its charter is in force, who shall be admitted to its membership or fill its offices continues, and this right belongs to the majority of the Lodge members present and voting, and is not to be thwarted by the minority. Knowledge, not mere rumor or suspicion, of anything rendering the candidate unfit for office should be communicated to fellow-members, unless it has been obtained under circumstances making it legally privileged or Masonically secret, or unless its disclosure be expressly prohibited by our Constitution, Regulations, or Code of Procedure. Justice requires that such knowledge or rumor should be communicated to the candidate, to afford him an opportunity to decline election or to challenge its truth. In the latter case the facts upon which the knowledge is based, unless privileged or prohibited, should be made known to the Lodge members, that their action may be governed accordingly. The cases of privileged knowledge or privileged communication are few. The interrogatory suggests that the candidate, while holding a Lodge office, misreported the result of a ballot upon a petition for membership.

Section 97, of our Constitution, which prohibits an individual member from making known the kind of ballot cast by himself or another on application for a degree in Masonry or for affiliation, and prohibits the declaration that any specified or indicated number of white balls or ballots or black balls or ballots were cast, does not apply to the *final result* which is declared by the Master after inspection by him and the Wardens. (Matter of Lafayette Lodge, Pro. 1910, P. 517.) A wrong declaration of the result of a ballot by the Master could not escape the notice of Wardens afforded the same opportunity for inspection, nor the members of the Lodge who hear them state the result of such inspection. A Master without wrongful intent, but with defective eyesight, or upon a careless inspection, might differ with the Wardens, or *vice versa*. In any case of difference it would be prudent to cause the ballot box to be returned to the Wardens for re-inspection, or to declare a re-ballot, but if this course be not pursued, the Warden or Wardens would be competent and could be required to testify upon trial of charges against the Master.

If a provable Masonic offense has been committed by a Master-elect, charges could be presented and trial had after installation. For cause deemed by him sufficient, the Grand Master could suspend the officer from performing the functions of his office. Refusal to install the officer, or its postponement, would be a makeshift, and would not determine his moral character or previous Masonic offense.

I advise:

(1.) An objection to the installation of an officer-elect, except for irregularity in the election, cannot be properly made in open Lodge, nor operate to prevent his installation.

(2.) The installing officer at the annual election of a chartered Lodge is not the representative of the Grand Master, and does not act as his proxy or possess any of the powers of the Grand Master, but derives his authority to install from Section 41, Constitution.

(3.) The installing officer has no right, in front of and before the assembled members, to demand or permit any public objection to the installation other than such as pertains to the regularity or irregularity of the election itself.

(4.) The installing officer has no power to receive private information and refer it to a committee for investigation.

(5.) Knowledge of anything rendering an officer-elect unfit to exercise the functions of his office, not legally privileged or Masonically prohibited, should be communicated to him before election, to the end that he may decline the office or challenge the truth of the assertion.

(6.) If notwithstanding such communication the proposed officer does not decline to be a candidate for such office, lawful information, not privileged or prohibited, rendering him unfit, should be communicated to the members of the Lodge before election.

(7.) If thereafter the proposed officer be elected and installed, the facts can be communicated to the Grand Master as the chief officer of the Craft, who has the power, for causes which he may deem sufficient, to suspend such officer from the functions of his office and direct that charges be preferred against him and that he be tried in the mode prescribed by the Code of Procedure.

Such communication of facts, not surmise, made in good faith, with-

out malice and with the honest belief that it is necessary for the good of the Craft, is privileged, and the informant is entitled to protection from prosecution by reason thereof. Provided always, that it was lawfully obtained, and its disclosure be not prohibited by legal privilege, Masonic secrecy or constitutional provision.

## LXXVIII.

CONSENT REQUIRED FOR DISPENSATION TO FORM NEW LODGE IN THE  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

*Matter of Richmond Hill Lodge.*

In relation to the dispensation to form Richmond Hill Lodge within the town of Jamaica, Borough of Queens, New York City:

Section 72, Constitution, requires the recommendation of all Lodges in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, whose jurisdiction would be affected by such new Lodge.

Section 85, Constitution, does not give concurrent jurisdiction to the Borough of Queens, except to Lodges within the territory formerly known as Long Island City, which Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction over persons residing in said territory, except that in Long Island City Lodges the air-line applies, and each Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over persons residing nearer to it by an air-line than to any other Lodge. It is immaterial in what sections of the State reside the petitioners for a dispensation. The only Lodge in Jamaica is Jamaica Lodge, and it seems to be the only Lodge whose jurisdiction can be affected by another Lodge in the same town. In the absence of express objection from some other Lodge than Jamaica Lodge, it should not be assumed to exist.

## LXXIX.

CIRCULARS OR WRITTEN OR PRINTED APPEALS TO LODGES OR MEMBERS FOR  
DONATIONS REQUIRE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF GRAND MASTER. PER-  
SONAL APPEAL AUTHORIZED. APPLICATION TO ERECT MEMORIAL  
ON THE UTICA HOME GROUNDS TO BE REFERRED TO THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM  
FUND FOR CONSIDERATION.

*Matter of Andrews.*

The communication of BROTHERS HAMMER, BROWN and HUBBARD dated December 3rd, and the printed circular soliciting aid to erect a memorial at Utica to the memory of R. W. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, deceased, are submitted.

Appreciating the honor due to the memory of BRO. ANDREWS, and that the present request may form a precedent for similar applications on behalf of the many other eminent members of the Craft who have passed away, leaving behind them illustrious records, it may be wise to withhold approval until the matter receives most careful consideration and an expression of opinion by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and possibly by the Grand Lodge. Mausoleums and monuments have been erected without general appeal to the Craft, and

appeals generally have met with criticism, partly because of their frequency, which was considered mischievous, to meet which an amendment to our Constitution was adopted. Regulation 11, of our Constitution, which prohibits a circular or appeal to other Lodges or members thereof, formerly read, "*for donations for any purpose*," but as now enacted, reads, "*for donations or for any purpose unless the same shall have been officially approved by the Grand Master*," thus emphasizing the intention that such approval should be limited. It is necessarily discretionary. The Regulation does not prohibit *personal* appeal to any one so long as no written or printed circular or appeal be issued. The special purpose of consideration by the "Trustees" or the Grand Lodge or both, is to afford an opportunity for approval or dissent relative to the erection of a monument at the Home, and if allowed, the designation of its location, which is within their control.

## LXXX.

## DOCUMENTS SOLICITING DONATIONS FROM A LODGE OR MEMBER NOT TO BE ISSUED WITHOUT GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

*Matter of Greenbush Lodge.*

It appears that Greenbush Lodge proposes to hold a Fair. It does not intend to appeal to other Lodges, but wishes to sell tickets and solicit donations from individuals, both members and non-members of the Fraternity, and the question is asked whether dispensation is necessary. The subject is controlled by Regulation 11, which is in the following language:

"No circular or appeal to other Lodges or members thereof for donations or for any purpose whatever shall be issued unless the same shall have been officially approved by the Grand Master."

The purpose of the Regulation is to prohibit, without the approval of the Grand Master, a Lodge or member from issuing a circular or appeal to other Lodges or members thereof for donations or for any purpose whatever. The mischief sought to be remedied had grown to such an extent that some provision was necessary to regulate it, hence the circular or appeal must be first officially approved by the Grand Master before it can be issued. The use of the word "issue" applies to a document of some kind, and not to verbal solicitation, by which donations may be obtained. If a document of any kind is to be issued for such purpose, it should be prepared and submitted to the Grand Master, who may approve or disapprove it, as he may deem proper under the circumstances.

## LXXXI.

## ARREST OF LODGE CHARTER FOR CONTUMACY AND VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION.

It appears that on November 4, 1910, at a Regular Communication, a ballot was taken upon a petition for initiation which was cloudy and destroyed. A Past Master addressed the Lodge upon the subject, after

which a re-ballot was taken and the candidate declared elected. At a Regular Communication of December 2d a re-ballot was demanded and when taken was declared clear by the Junior Warden, cloudy by the Senior Warden and cloudy by the Master, without any further declaration, whereupon discussion arose by permission of the Master, who subsequently declared an intermission and, upon the advice of five Past Masters, closed the Lodge and instructed the Secretary to issue notices for a special meeting, to be held on December 5th. The brother who demanded the re-ballot conferred with the District Deputy, who officially advised the Master to defer action until the Lodge Regular Communication, to be held on December 16th, at which time the District Deputy proposed to attend the Lodge and consult with the Brethren in relation to the matter. The District Deputy reported the matter to the Grand Master, who telegraphed as follows:

"I would advise your telegraphing or telephoning to Bro. \* \* \* emphasizing your suggestion to him that he do not risk holding a Special Communication of his Lodge for any purpose."

This was received by Bro. \* \* \* on December 5th and read to the Master and Wardens and several brethren of the Lodge who were present with him at the time of its reception. He also called attention of the Master to the Constitutional provisions upon the subject of demand for a ballot and the procedure thereupon, to which the Master said that he thought the good of his Lodge was superior to the Constitution, and that if the ruling of the District Deputy was sustained, it would disrupt the Lodge, and added that unless the District Deputy ordered him not to do so, he proposed to convene his Lodge the same evening and confer the Degree. At this juncture the telegram was received and shown. The Master and Wardens and Brethren thereupon left the room and proceeded to the Lodge room and initiated the candidate. A personal statement was requested from the Master, together with the Minutes of the meeting, which *prima facie* establish the above.

The Minutes of the Regular Communication of December 2d do not contain any reference to the demand for such re-ballot nor to the action taken thereon. The Minutes of the Special Communication of December 5th show that the candidate was initiated Entered Apprentice and paid the initiation fee, and this was the only business transacted at that meeting.

On December 7th, two days after such initiation, the Master, by letter, requested the Grand Master to extend his time to make a statement until the Regular Communication of December 16th. On the same day he informed the Judge Advocate that he had asked for such time. Neither letter contains any reference to the fact that the Lodge had held a Special Communication and initiated the candidate in defiance of the direction of the District Deputy and of the Grand Master, and on the same day the Master again addressed the District Deputy, requesting that he defer further action until he should visit the Lodge. Accompanying the Master's letter of December 9th, in which he admits that he had initiated the candidate at the Special Communication, is a memorandum signed by the Master and four Past Masters, endorsing the action of the Master as being wise and for the best interests of the Lodge, and stating that he should be commended for his wisdom and

tact, and asserting that their belief is shared unanimously by the Brethren acquainted with all the details involved. In his final communication to the District Deputy, the Master asserts that he still thinks that the proceeding was for the best interests of the Lodge. He refers to the Communication at which the ballot was demanded, and adds, "there were present about twenty-five Brothers, who were highly indignant and manifested their minds in words unbecoming a Mason." As things were in this condition, I thought if I had to take any further action in regard to the ballot it might lead to further heated discussions which I wished to avoid."

In my opinion, the facts disclose disobedience to the Constitution and Laws. The re-ballot, upon demand, having been commenced, should have been completed, and the results declared and entered in the Minutes. This was not completely done because the Minutes do not show it. The Master's declaration that the ballot was cloudy was tantamount to a declaration of the result, and the Constitution forbids advancement, at least until the next Stated Communication of the Lodge and a clear ballot, and this must have been presumed to have been known by the members of the Lodge who were present at the time the re-ballot was demanded. Contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master appears in the initiation at the Special Communication after knowledge of his telegram forbidding it. It is difficult to conceive a greater departure from the original plan of Masonry and the Ancient Landmark than has been *prima facie* established in this case. The authority of the Grand Master and his Deputies must be respected and defiance and disobedience punished if discipline and the welfare of the Craft are to be conserved. Experience teaches that drastic measures are at times necessary and, in my opinion, the present case justifies it.

I therefore recommend the suspension of the Charter of \* \* \* Lodge, to the end that the matter may be fully investigated and the Lodge afforded an opportunity in due course to purge itself of its contumacy and disobedience and departure from the original plan of Masonry and Ancient Landmarks. Such suspension to continue during the pleasure of the Grand Master, but not beyond the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as provided by Section 71, of the Constitution.

I further recommend that charges be formulated against the Master and both Wardens of the Lodge, who are stated to have been present at the reception of the Grand Master's telegram, and to have acted in violation of the prohibition therein contained.

I also recommend that charges be preferred against the Secretary of the Lodge for failure to enter in the Minutes of December 2 the demand for re-ballot and the action thereon.

Pending the trial of such charges, such officers should be suspended from the functions of their respective offices. Such charges should be formulated and presented by the District Deputy of the District within which such Lodge is located. This will afford these officers an opportunity to present any defense upon the merits or any facts in mitigation of penalty if the charges be sustained.

## LXXXII.

## SUSPENSION OF CHARTER. OFFENSE OF MASTER, WARDENS AND SECRETARY AND STATUS OF CANDIDATE UNLAWFULLY INITIATED.

The Charter having been suspended, application was made by members of the Lodge for reconsideration of the matter. Thereupon the following opinion was rendered:

Herewith I return all the papers in the \* \* \* Lodge matter. Among them are two petitions, one signed by eighteen members of the Lodge, including five Past Masters, who, by written communication of December 10, 1910, approved the action of the Master at the Lodge Regular Communication of December 2, 1910. The other petition is signed by seventy-two members of the Lodge. In all, about seventy per cent. of the one hundred and twenty-eight members of the Lodge unite in a request for the return of the Lodge Charter, which was suspended pursuant to the Grand Master's order, dated December 12, 1910. The causes of suspension were:

FIRST: Contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master.

SECOND: Disobedience to the Constitution and Laws.

Allegations were made that after a petition for initiation had been favorably acted upon, and the candidate accepted by the Lodge, a new ballot was demanded, which was cloudy, and so declared by the Master; that the Secretary's minutes do not contain any entry of this proceeding; that by direction of the Master, a Special Communication of the Lodge was called for the purpose of initiating the candidate, notwithstanding his rejection. The Grand Master, being apprised of this proposed action, directed that no Special Communication of the Lodge should be held pending an investigation of the matter. It is alleged that in defiance of such direction, the Master, Wardens and members of the Lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon the rejected candidate at the Special Communication, and that this course was approved by the five Past Masters of the Lodge who have signed the first above-mentioned petition. The alleged contumacy consisted in violation of the Grand Master's direction. The violation of the Constitution consisted in the initiation of a rejected candidate, who could not lawfully be made a Mason until at least one year from such rejection should have elapsed, and then only upon a new petition and a clear ballot. The motive which led the Master and others to disregard the Grand Master's direction and to violate the Constitution cannot be pleaded in justification. The Master cannot plead ignorance of the law, but is presumed to have known it, because it was his duty to read and obey the Constitution, which explicitly governs him, and this applies, not only to the unlawful initiation, but to the failure to see that the Minutes of the Communication were read, corrected and approved by the Lodge before it was closed, and that the Secretary faithfully and fully performed his duties. Whether the failure to properly keep the Minutes of this occurrence was due to the Secretary's ignorance or intentional violation of the Constitution, is unexplained.

Assuming the above facts, but without prejudice to the right of the Master and Secretary and any other participating officers or members



of the Lodge to controvert these serious accusations, and recognizing their right to a fair and impartial hearing, several separate and distinct questions are presented:

*First: The suspension of the Charter.* The petition signed by seventy-two members states unfamiliarity with the occurrence, but, after inquiry, approves the action of the Grand Master. It represents that the order of suspension imposes upon them

“great humiliation, severe disgrace, and the deprivation of the enjoyment of Masonic relations,”

and adds:

“We are desirous of doing all that may be required of us to the end that you may reconsider, revoke, cancel and vacate your order suspending the charter of said Lodge, and that said Charter may be restored.”

The petition signed by the Master and five Past Masters and other members of the Lodge states that

“Upon reflection, we recognize the truth, that what occurred at the Regular Communication \* \* \* of December 2, 1910, and at the Special Communication \* \* \* of December 5, 1910, at one or both of which Communications we were present, was, in many respects, unbecoming, unauthorized, and un-Masonic, and we wish to convey to you our profound regret on account of and in respect thereto.”

The latter petitioners request an “oral presentation” to the Grand Master “of a detailed history of the occurrence,” and state with the former petitioners that a “hardship has been worked upon innocent members,” who have united in the latter petition, and ask that the situation may be canvassed and the entire matter laid before the Grand Master, and that he pardon and forgive them for the acts committed, and restore the Charter. They deny any purpose or intent to willfully violate the Grand Master’s slightest wish or any of the constitutional provisions or Masonic Landmarks, and ask that the matter may be presented by the Master and one of the Past Masters.

This petition gives no explanation of the acts to which it alludes. It is for the Grand Master to determine whether the request for an oral presentation should be granted. The gravity of the offense would seem to demand that a written record be furnished, with a recommendation upon the subject by the District Deputy Grand Master, whose action has been dignified, considerate and indicative of ability and fair dealing in the interest of the Craft. It is within the purview of the Grand Master to determine what, if any, clemency shall be shown the Lodge, and, if he deem it advisable, to return the Charter without awaiting the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

*Section 22, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, which by Subdivision 7 grants power to the Grand Master*

“To suspend the Charter of any Lodge until the “next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge,”

should be read in connection with *Subdivision 2, of the same Section, which also authorizes him*

“To exercise all the executive and judicial functions of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session.”

The word “until” is a limitation, and fixes a period beyond which

the suspension cannot be continued unless it be disposed of by the action of the Grand Lodge, under *Section 69*, which provides for charges and a hearing before the Grand Lodge or a Committee to whom it may be referred for hearing and report. The power of the Grand Master to exercise the executive and judicial powers of the Grand Lodge, when it is not in session, would seem sufficiently broad to confer power on the Grand Master to reconsider his order of suspension. If clemency be thus exercised, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for an election and installation under *Section 41 of the Constitution*. Until election and installation of his successor, the present Master will hold that office, under *Section 63 of the Constitution*, unless it become vacant, as provided in *Section 64*.

*Second: The alleged offense of the Master.* It is stated that a ballot upon a candidate's petition for initiation was taken, which, being cloudy, was destroyed, a rebalot had and the candidate declared elected, and he then became entitled to initiation; that when the Lodge met to confer the Degree, a rebalot was demanded, which was an absolute right and was exercised by the Lodge; that the Master stated in open Lodge that the ballot was cloudy; that such declaration was not placed upon the Minutes, notwithstanding the Master's duty to see that the Secretary performed his duty in that respect; that without authority and in defiance of the Grand Master's direction, communicated by the District Deputy, the Master conferred the Degree of Entered Apprentice upon the rejected candidate, which, if established, constitutes contumacy and a willful violation of the Constitution, which should not be overlooked. Due regard for the Grand Master and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the orderly government of the Craft will be best subserved by the presentation of formal charges against the Master, and by affording him an opportunity to interpose any defense he may have, or make any explanation in mitigation which he may deem advisable.

*Third: The Wardens and the Secretary.* These officers should, in like manner, be afforded an opportunity to defend themselves from their alleged offenses or offer any facts in mitigation.

*Fourth: The Status of the Candidate.* Upon the allegations presented one has been initiated who was not entitled to become a Mason. An adverse ballot cannot be reconsidered, nor can a rejected candidate present a new petition for initiation until at least twelve months from the date of his rejection. Notwithstanding the prohibition of Constitution, Section 90, he has received the Degree of Entered Apprentice. He cannot be charged with the offense of the Lodge officers (Matter of SMALL, Pro. 1910, p. 526), and yet he should not gain further advantage as a result of such violation of the Constitution—otherwise a premium will be offered to violate the Constitution. In the absence of precedent, it would seem fair to require him to wait until the period of twelve months has elapsed, and then only after a petition to the Lodge for advancement, a reference, and a clear ballot, should he be advanced.

*Finally.* The petition of the five Past Masters, while expressing "profound regret" for the occurrences at the Communications of December 2 and 5, 1910, is limited by the statement that they recognize the truth that it was in many respects unbecoming, unauthorized and unmasonic. This qualification is to be regretted, coming from those who heretofore, with full knowledge, endorsed such occurrences. The Grand

Master may well require their pledge that if the Charter be restored harmony shall exist in the Lodge, and that no willful violation or disregard to the Constitution or disobedience of lawful Masonic authority, or contumacy toward any lawful representative thereof will be countenanced. The petition signed by the other members discloses what frequently exists in suspension of a Lodge Charter, namely, an unfamiliarity with Lodge transactions and a plea for clemency based upon the assertion that the innocent will suffer for others' wrong, and this from members who seldom attend Communications of the Lodge or show active interest in it. A pledge by them to attend and become familiar with the affairs of the Lodge and its fulfillment would best guarantee the prosperity of the Lodge.

I advise:

*First.* The Grand Master has power to restore the suspended Charter to \* \* \* Lodge without awaiting the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In such event, a dispensation to elect and install officers under the supervision of the District Deputy Grand Master may be granted.

*Second.* The District Deputy Grand Master of the District should be advised to prefer a formal complaint against severally, the Master, and the Wardens, and the Secretary of \* \* \* Lodge; a Trial Commission should be appointed by warrant of the Grand Master to hear and determine the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Procedure regulating trials by Grand Lodge Commission. Such officers to be severally suspended from office pending their respective trials.

*Third.* The advancement of the Entered Apprentice should be stayed for one year from December 2, 1910, the date of the adverse ballot, and no further Degree should be conferred upon him in \* \* \* Lodge, or in any other Lodge within this Jurisdiction, except upon a petition duly referred and upon a clear ballot.

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### LXXXIII.

#### VALIDITY OF BLANK BALLOTS AT ELECTION OF OFFICERS QUESTIONED.

##### ELIGIBILITY OF WARDEN OF LODGE U. D. FOR OFFICE OF MASTER.

##### EFFECT ON ELECTION OF INSTALLED WARDEN UPON FAILURE TO ELECT MASTER.

#### *Matter of Bronx Lodge.*

It appears that on December 28, 1910, an election of officers was held by Bronx Lodge, No. 860, F. and A. M. The tellers announced the total votes cast for Master as 86, of which 43 were for BRO. ISAAC M. HELLER and 41 for BRO. SAMUEL PHILIPSON, and two (2) blanks were cast. Objection was made to the election of Master upon two grounds:

*First.* That BRO. HELLER did not receive a majority of the votes cast. This was based upon a claim that the two blanks should be counted as votes, making a tie.

*Second.* That BRO. HELLER was not eligible to the office of Master, because he had not served as a Warden or Master of a Chartered Lodge.

Both objections were overruled, and he was installed as Master. Thereupon the election proceeded, and BRO. PHILLIPSON, the rival candidate for the office of Master was elected and accepted, and was installed in the office of *Senior Warden*, and LAWRENCE L. LEVY, JR., was elected and accepted and installed in the office of *Junior Warden*. The validity of the election of BRO. HELLER as Master is questioned, and, if his election be declared invalid, it is claimed that the election of the Wardens should also be declared nullities, and that a dispensation should be granted by the Grand Master to the Lodge to elect and install a Master and two Wardens, and this presents a *third* question.

As to the *first* question, whether blanks should be counted as ballots at an election of Lodge officers, a great diversity of opinion has existed.

In 1861, the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, composed of seven eminent members of the Craft, including M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., M. W. SAMUEL H. JOHNSON, M. W. JOSEPH D. EVANS and M. W. JOHN J. CRANE, to whom was presented the question: "Are blank ballots cast in an election for officers to be counted as votes?" reported that they "are not so to be counted, although it is proper to add that there is not an unanimous opinion." No action appears to have been taken by the Grand Lodge upon this report. While the report of a Committee does not possess the force of a decision, yet it is entitled to respect depending upon the character and standing of the Committee.

In 1864, Past Grand Master SIMONS published his work on *Masonic Jurisprudence*. At page 142 he gives a different opinion.

In 1905, Grand Master ROBINSON, in his address, stated that, in his opinion, a blank ballot must be counted to determine the question of a majority.

In 1909, Grand Master SAWYER held in an unreported opinion that such ballots must be counted.

In none of these cases was the matter passed upon by our Grand Lodge, and, in view of the fact that no reason was advanced by either, it is fair to assume that Grand Masters ROBINSON and SAWYER adopted the conclusion of Past Grand Master SIMONS as the basis of their "flat" opinions. BRO. SIMONS states as his reasons for such opinion that "every qualified voter is entitled to one vote, and the successful candidate must have a majority of all the votes cast." By way of illustration, he assumes an election at which twenty votes were cast, eleven being necessary for a choice. One party has ten votes, another has nine and there is one blank. He argues that he who deposits a blank ballot cannot lawfully be deprived of his franchise. Then he supposes that on the blank the member had written the name of MARY SMITH, and urges that it would be a vote, but MARY SMITH not being eligible, another ballot would be necessary. His contention goes too far. If a name appears upon the paper it is not a blank. A "Ballot" is not a mere slip of paper. To become a ballot, it must bear the name of a person to be voted for at the election, or must qualify in some form an expression of opinion. It is defined:

*Ballot* (Century Dictionary):

"A ticket or slip of paper, sometimes called a voting paper, used for the same purpose, on which is printed or written an expression of the elector's choice between candidates or provisions to be voted for."

*Ballot* (Standard Dictionary):

"The written or printed paper that expresses a voter's choice."

Cooley's Constitutional Limitations, Seventh Ed., pp. 910 to 922, defines *Ballot* to be

"A piece of paper or other suitable material, with the name written or printed upon it of the person to be voted for."

It states the settled rule in our courts of law, that where it is imperfectly written, if the intention of the voter can be ascertained from the paper it will be deemed sufficient. At pp. 919-920, it reads:

"While the law should seek to give effect to the intention of the voter, whenever it can be fairly ascertained, yet this intention must be that which is expressed in due form of law, not that which remains hidden in the elector's breast."

And at p. 921 proceeds:

"but in determining upon a majority or plurality, *the blank votes, if any, are not to be counted*; and a candidate may, therefore, be chosen without receiving a plurality or majority of voices of those who actually participated in the election."

Rule XL, of the United States House of Representatives, declares that all "balloting blanks shall be rejected and not taken into the count in enumeration of votes or reported by the tellers."

The question has been considered by the Courts of this and other States, and also by Grand Lodges and Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions, and the preponderance of opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of the rule that blank ballots are not to be counted for election, excepting where a provision is found that the election must be by a majority of electors *present*. This word "*present*" does not occur in our Constitution. Section 41 directs that the designated elective officers "must be chosen annually, by ballot, and by a majority of votes," clearly manifesting the intention that the ballots cast and only those are to be counted.

In *Lawrence vs. Ingersoll*, 38 Tennessee R., p. 52, the statute provided for the election "by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen." There were nine Aldermen. The Court held that if less than nine were present they might elect, and that as the election must be by a definite body *present*, the candidate cannot claim election on a mere plurality of votes cast or a majority, if blank ballots were excluded. That it was not sufficient that a majority were not cast against him; to be elected, the majority must be cast for him. The Court conceded "that the blank vote cannot be, in the technical sense, a ballot; but treated it as an act of negation—affirmative in showing that another voter acted, and negative in determining the majority."

In *Commonwealth vs. Wickersham*, 66 Pennsylvania R., the statute required that the selection shall be "*viva voce*" by a majority of the whole number of Directors *present*, and it held that an actual presence could not be construed into a virtual absence. No question of ballot arose.

In *People vs. Conklin*, 7 Hun. 188, the statute incorporating a savings institution, required the vote of the majority of Trustees *present*

for the election of an officer, and less than such majority failed of a choice.

Vol. 1, "Words and Phrases," p. 680, cites cases in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Kansas, Indiana, California, and West Virginia, all holding that a blank is not a ballot.

The New York State Courts have repeatedly held that the right to vote must be exercised in the manner and subject to the regulations as to time and method lawfully prescribed by the Legislature, and have held a ballot void because violative of the statute, or because the intent of the holder could not be ascertained from the ballot alone.

The case of *Nichols v. Bd. Canvassers*, 129 N. Y. E., p. 395, is a leading case upon the subject. In that case an error was made in the distribution of tickets, so that those intended for one District were at the voting place of another District, and the question whether the voter should be deprived of his vote was raised. The Court was almost evenly divided, but decided that the ballot should not be counted, notwithstanding the argument that it was a practical disfranchisement of the voter, and the Court threw upon the voter the burden of knowing what he was doing.

In 1870, Pro. p. 57, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi approved of the report of its Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to the effect that blank votes should be counted. This was based upon a By-law, and the report used the following language:

"Neither Lodge nor Master has authority to cast away or refuse to count the vote of any Member. Each one has a right to vote as he pleases, whether the Brother voted for is eligible or not, or whether it be a blank vote or not. The Brother has a right to cast away his vote, by doing either, but the Lodge cannot refuse to count it in the aggregate number of votes given."

In the following Jurisdictions the reverse is the established law, in some by decisions, in others by enactments:

- (1) Colorado (By-Laws, Article VI, Section 15).
- (2) Connecticut (General Regulations, Section 25).
- (3) Illinois (By-Laws, Article V, Section 1).
- (4) Michigan (Decisions of Carton, G. M. Pro. 1897, p. 32).
- (5) Minnesota (Pro. 1894, p. 18).
- (6) New Jersey (Pro. 1887, p. 261. Pro. 1897, p. 175).
- (7) Utah (By-Laws, Article V, Section 2).

The rule is summarized in Illinois in the following language:

"Blank pieces of paper are neither ballots nor votes, and should not be counted as such nor have any effect upon the result."

In a number of Jurisdictions, the question does not appear to have been considered. Some Jurisdictions have a provision requiring all members to vote, which does not exist in our Constitution. In the absence of such requirement, the voter may exercise or waive his franchise right, but there is no middle course. The blank piece of paper does no more express an opinion or a choice than would a stick or a straw or any other inanimate substance. It has no business in the ballot box, because it is not a ballot but a nullity.

At a recent election in this State, among proposed amendments to the State Constitution was presented one increasing the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court. The canvass of votes disclosed a vast number of blanks, which did not express an opinion either one way or the other. The number, if counted, would have defeated the amendment, but, being rejected, the amendment was declared adopted. I believe that if these authorities had been submitted to Grand Masters ROBINSON and SAWYER, they would have concurred in an opinion that a blank ballot should not be counted at an election of officers. It is unnecessary now to determine this question, because there is another ground upon which the case can be disposed of. I recommend, however, that it be presented in a proper form to the Grand Lodge, that it may, by "definition," or by "regulation," or both, finally dispose of the matter and advise the Craft whether a blank piece of paper is a ballot to be counted or a nullity to be disregarded at the election of officers of a subordinate Lodge.

As to the *second question*, whether BRO. HELLER was eligible to the office of Master:

He was designated as Junior Warden in the dispensation for Bronx Lodge, in June, 1907, and acted as such. In May, 1908, the Grand Lodge granted to Bronx Lodge a Charter, in which appears the name of BRO. HELLER as Junior Warden. He was not in the United States at that time, nor thereafter until the close of the year 1909. Before the Charter was granted, he signified his willingness to accept the office, and he was installed by Proxy in his absence. No evidence has been furnished that he performed any duties as Warden under the Charter of the Lodge.

The matter seems to be completely covered by Sections 44 and 47 of the Grand Lodge Constitution. The former permits an installation of a Warden by Proxy. The latter contains this language:

"No member can be the Master of a Chartered Lodge unless he has previously *served* as an *installed* Master or Warden, except at the constitution of a new Lodge."

The exception is intended to cover a case of one who has been Warden of a Lodge under dispensation to which a Charter has been subsequently granted. The Warden under the dispensation has never been installed, but is not disqualified from installation in the chartered Lodge. It is sufficient to know that he has served in the Lodge under dispensation to entitle him to become the Master and be installed at the constitution of the new Lodge, but this does not apply to a subsequent election as Master, for then it must appear that he has previously *served* as an *installed* Master or Warden.

BRO. HELLER was, in 1908, installed as Junior Warden by Proxy, hence the question is, "Did he *serve* as such?" On his behalf, it is urged that service does not require attendance at the Lodge, and that such is merely one of his duties, and that he might have been required to attend elsewhere and perform other duties. But there is no evidence that he was thus required to or did perform any duties whatever, in the Lodge or elsewhere.

The word *serve* is defined, *Century Dictionary*:

"To administer the service of; perform the duties required for."

And the phrase is suggested

“ To serve in office—to discharge the duties incidental to an office.”

*Simon's Masonic Jurisprudence*, p. 95, defines: “ acting as Warden ” means “ To have been lawfully appointed to that station, and to have discharged the duties that pertain to it.”

The requirement that a Master shall have acted as Warden before he can become Master, is not a Landmark, but is prescribed by Charge IV of the Old Charges. It has not been uniformly followed, either in the Grand Lodges or subordinate Lodges throughout this country. In some Jurisdictions the Grand Master is empowered by dispensation to approve of the selection of a Master, whether or not he has served as Warden. This has occurred in the case of even Grand Masters, and the exercise of that power has been when there was no member who had served as Warden, or who was willing to accept the office of Master, and it has been exercised to meet exigencies. Whatever the rule may have been elsewhere, our Constitution plainly prohibiting a member to be Master of a Chartered Lodge unless he has previously *served as an installed Master or Warden* is controlling. It will be noted that he must have *served, not merely as Warden of a Lodge under dispensation, but as an installed Warden*, and such installation can only be at the constitution of a new Lodge, or at a subsequent election thereof.

A distinction was drawn in the *People vs. Purdy*, 21 App. Div., p. 66, affirmed 154 N. Y. 159, between “ eligibility ” to office and the “ capacity ” to take office, and an example was mentioned of an alien who was not eligible at the time of election, but became a citizen prior to the commencement of the term of office, and it was held that the ineligibility had been remedied and the capacity existed.

In the present case, the prohibition is not one of mere ineligibility which can be remedied, but is one of *capacity to take office* at the annual election of 1910, from which he is debarred because he has never *served as an installed Warden of a Chartered Lodge*.

The *third question* is presented on behalf of BRO. SAMUEL PHILIPSON, who was the rival candidate for the office of Master, and it is claimed that inasmuch as BRO. HELLER was not elected, BRO. PHILIPSON should have been declared elected and installed, or, if the election of BRO. PHILIPSON as Master be not affirmed, that a vacating declaration should apply to the office of Senior and Junior Wardens, and a dispensation be issued for election to fill the three offices of Master and Wardens. To this, I do not agree. BRO. PHILIPSON did not receive the majority of votes required by Section 41, Constitution. The question was disposed of in our State Court of Appeals in *People ex rel Furman vs. Clute*, 50 N. Y. 452, and the election was held a failure and a new election ordered. The Court held that

“ Where a majority of the electors, through ignorance of the law or the fact, vote for one ineligible to the office, the votes are not nullities; but while they fail to elect, the office cannot be given to the qualified person having the next highest number of votes. The election is a failure, and a new election must be had.”

There is no evidence that a majority of the voting Lodge members



had any knowledge of the facts or law disqualifying Bro. HELLER from becoming Master of the Lodge.

*Again*, Bro. PHILIPSON has debarred himself from holding the office of Master for the present year by accepting an election and installation as Senior Warden. He cannot resign this office, but must hold it until his successor shall have been installed, unless his office becomes vacant, as provided by Sections 63 and 64, Constitution. A suggestion is made that the Lodge has no member qualified to become Master. To this, two answers may be interposed:

(1) The Master in office at the time of the election, by Section 63, Constitution, holds his office until his successor shall have been installed.

(2) In the absence of the Master, either Warden can act in his place.

I advise:

*First*. It is not necessary to determine whether the blank votes should be counted, but, if counted, the result is a tie and no election of Master was had.

*Second*. Bro. HELLER was not qualified to become Master at the election of 1910, and is not capacitated to take the office.

*Third*. His rival, Bro. PHILIPSON, was not an elected Master, nor is he eligible to become Master until the termination of his office as Senior Warden.

*Fourth*. The Master in office at the election in 1910 remains Master of Bronx Lodge until his successor shall have been installed.

*Fifth*. No election can be held in Bronx Lodge, except upon dispensation by the Grand Master, who may grant or withhold it, in his discretion.

#### LXXXIV.

AN UNAFFILIATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, UPON PAYMENT OF ALL ARREARS, ENTITLED TO PROPER CERTIFICATE, AND MAY APPLY FOR RESTORATION TO FORMER LODGE OR AFFILIATION ELSEWHERE.

#### *Matter of Mills.*

BRO. MILLS was *unaffiliated* by Hyatt Lodge for non-payment of dues, March 1, 1897.

On December 8, 1910, he sent his arrears, \$10, to the Lodge, and requested restoration to membership. Having been unaffiliated for nearly fourteen years, he was subject to Section 84, Constitution, in effect May 9, 1907, which requires a unanimous vote by ballot to permit him to become a member of Hyatt or any other Lodge in this Jurisdiction. (In re Ehlers, Pro. 1910, p. 545, Matter Washington Lodge, Ib., p. 546). He failed to obtain such unanimous ballot.

The arrears belonged to the Lodge, which had the right to retain it (Matter Washington Lodge *supra*).

He was, however, on such payment, entitled to a certificate that he was free from charges, thereupon to become a *non-affiliated* Mason and to renew his application for restoration to Hyatt Lodge or for affiliation in another Lodge, as he should choose.

(Matter Hoffman Lodge, Pro. 1910, p. 547,  
Address Sawyer, G. M., Pro. 1909, p. 64).

The Lodge, on December 22, 1910, ordered the amount paid for arrears returned to BRO. MILLS, who duly acknowledged its receipt, which operated as a waiver by him of his former application. It was not intended as a donation by the Lodge, nor accepted as such. He could have refused to accept it, and insisted upon the certificate of discharge from liability. Not having done this, he remains an unaffiliated Mason. He may again tender his arrears to Hyatt Lodge, and request a certificate that he is free from charges, which should be issued to him by Hyatt Lodge, and, upon its receipt, he may apply to any Lodge for affiliation free from any restriction from this Jurisdiction.

### LXXXV.

UNAFFILIATION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. LODGE MINUTES EVIDENCE  
AS TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS ON DELINQUENT. GRAND MASTER  
NOT REQUIRED TO TRY ISSUE IF SERVICE BE DISPUTED.

#### *Matter of Mills.*

BROTHER AUGUSTUS W. MILLS claims that the proceeding of Hyatt Lodge to unaffiliate him was void for want of jurisdiction, and asserts that he was never served with a summons to pay his arrears for dues.

*Section 33, of our Constitution*, requires that a Brother shall be duly summoned to pay arrears of dues before he can be unaffiliated by action of the Lodge.

The *By-Laws of Hyatt Lodge, Article VI, Section 2*, directs that

“ In November of each year the Secretary shall furnish the Master with a list of all members who have not paid their dues for the previous year, and all such members shall be summoned to appear at the Annual Communication of the Lodge to pay the same; and, failing to respond, they may be unaffiliated.”

The Secretary of Hyatt Lodge, whose duty it was to furnish such list and serve such summons, has since died. The Lodge Minutes indicate that the proceeding was regularly taken.

In my opinion, the Grand Master should not be called upon to determine this issue of fact.

The summons required by the Constitution is to *pay the arrears of dues*, and does not contain any mention of the penalty for non-payment. A member is presumed to know the By-Laws of his Lodge, and that failure to pay renders him liable to immediate unaffiliation.

The unaffiliation of BRO. MILLS was many years ago, and during the intervening period he must have known that dues had accumulated, if his name was still on the books, to a much larger amount than the \$10 tendered by him. He could not require the Lodge to accept a partial payment. Under the circumstances, the conclusion is justified that the summons was served, though he may have forgotten it. The recent tender of the exact amount due at the date of unaffiliation, and not the greater sum, cannot be reconciled with any other view of the situa-

tion. On payment of the \$10 arrears it will be the duty of Hyatt Lodge to grant him a certificate that he is clear on the books, and there can be no doubt he will receive such certificate and then be permitted to apply for affiliation in another Lodge.

I see no reason to change the opinion expressed in my former communication on the subject.

#### LXXXVI.

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN TO ONE UNAFFILIATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, UPON PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

##### *Matter of Hyatt Lodge.*

There is no provision in our present Constitution as to the specific form of certificate to be given upon payment of arrears by an unaffiliated Mason, who has been stricken from the roll for non-payment of Lodge dues.

*Constitution, Section 79, Subdivision 4*, upon the subject of acquisition of membership by affiliation, provides

“No Master Mason shall thus become a member of a Lodge, unless it shall appear that he is not indebted to any Lodge for dues or assessments, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him.”

The balance of the Section provides that

“The petition of a non-affiliated Mason for membership must be accompanied by a dimit or other satisfactory evidence of honorable discharge from the Lodge of which he was last a member, if it be in existing Chartered Lodge.”

*Definitions, Section 5*, defining “Good Masonic Standing,” excludes those who are *unaffiliated*, suspended or expelled. Hence, an unaffiliate is not in “Good Masonic Standing.”

In the Appendix to our Book of Constitutions is a form of dimit for a Brother stricken from the roll prior to 1873, who subsequently paid his dues. That form was adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1869, and was intended to apply to unaffiliates *prior to 1873*. There has been no subsequent form adopted to conform to our amended and revised Constitution, which provides no form.

Reference may be made to the Constitutions in force *prior to 1873*, and it will be noted:

*First.* The Constitution in force in 1854, *Title IX, Section 49*, declared a member who had been stricken from the roll of his Lodge for non-payment of dues to be a “*non-affiliate*,” and provided “that no act of censure, suspension or expulsion shall be pronounced for non-payment of dues only.”

*Second.* In 1860, *the Constitution*, as amended, provided (Article IX, Section 49), that such “member shall thereupon remain as if *non-affiliated*, but may be restored by \* \* \* the Lodge on payment of his dues and giving to the Lodge in writing at least two weeks’ notice of his wish to be restored.” It continued the same provision as to censure, suspension or expulsion.

*Third.* In 1873, an amended *Constitution* was adopted, which, by

*Article XII, Section 54*, referring to an application for affiliation, provided that it must appear that the petitioner is "non-affiliated and not indebted to any Lodge for dues or assessments and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him."

*Fourth.* This has been modified by our present Constitution, by striking out the language requiring it to appear that he is "non-affiliated," but continues the provision that it must appear that he is not indebted to any Lodge for dues or assessments, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him. This comparison affords an explanation why the form printed in the Appendix to subsequent Constitutions has always stated that it was the form of Dimit for a Brother stricken from the roll prior to 1873.

*Fifth.* In the collation of decisions, published in 1871 by R. W. WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF, at P. 103, it is stated that

"A Brother stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues upon payment of his arrearages becomes a 'non-affiliated' Mason in good standing, and is entitled to a certificate to that effect if he demands it; and may apply either for restoration to membership in his former Lodge or affiliation in any other, as he chooses."

citing two rulings reported, *Grand Lodge Pro. 1864*, pp. 26 and 164, which also held that an affiliating member must produce a certificate of dismission or show sufficient cause for its nonproduction.

*Sixth.* In 1909, *Sawyer, G. M.*, in his address *Pro. p. 64*, held that the status of an unaffiliate upon payment in full of his indebtedness to his lodge becomes the same as that of one who had at his own request been dropped from the roll: in other words one who had voluntarily withdrawn under former *Constitution, Section 103*, now *Regulations, Section 17*. But such section requires a "certificate setting forth the fact."

A special form of certificate in such case appears in the list of blank forms in the Appendix to the *Constitution, P. 121*. This, however, would not truthfully state the facts because the unaffiliate for non-payment of dues is not dropped from the roll at his own request, but involuntarily by action of the lodge, and unless he be first restored he cannot withdraw and obtain a withdrawal certificate, and yet, by his payment of his arrearages the stigma of unaffiliation is removed and he has become a "non-affiliate." This distinction is clearly recognized in *Definitions, Section 10*. The unaffiliated Mason is deprived of privileges until restored thereto by payment of the arrears of dues for non-payment of which he was dropped from the roll of the lodge.

In the present case the lodge has refused to restore him to membership, and yet he is restored to the privileges of Masonry and is a "non-affiliate."

The suggestion has been made that a certificate setting forth the precise facts might militate unjustly against the brother who has performed his full duty to his lodge upon payment of that for which he was stricken from the roll, and that it would be wise that a form of dimit in substantially the language of that approved in 1869 should again be adopted to read as follows:

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that BROTHER ———, whose name appears in the margin of this Dimit, is a Master Mason,

and was a member of this Lodge, in good standing, and, having paid all his indebtedness thereto, has ceased to be a member of this Lodge.

"In testimony whereof, we have caused this Dimit to be signed by the Master and Secretary, and the seal of the Lodge to be attached this                      day of                      A. L. 59—.

"—, Master.

(Seal)

"—, Secretary."

Approved by the Grand Master, this will be sufficient so far as it goes. It will be noted that *Section 79, Subdiv. 4, Constitution*, contains a prohibition "that no Master Mason shall by affiliation become a member of a lodge unless it shall appear that he is not indebted to any lodge for dues or assessments, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him." It will be noted that there are two propositions, both of which must affirmatively appear:

(1) That he is not indebted to any Lodge for dues or assessments.

and

(2) That no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him.

In addition to the certificate above-mentioned some evidence is required to be furnished to the lodge receiving the petition for affiliation to the effect that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against the petitioner. This can be by a declaration in the petition or may be ascertained by an Investigating Committee.

#### LXXXVII.

DIMIT NOT USED. APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OR FOR AFFILIATION. WAIVER NOT NECESSARY FROM  
LODGE OF NEW RESIDENCE.

#### *Matter of Polar Star Lodge.*

A Brother of Polar Star Lodge some years ago, going to Europe, asked for and obtained a dimit, but without using it returned to this country and now resides in Syracuse, New York. He has applied for affiliation with Polar Star Lodge. The information is asked whether the Lodge can entertain the application without a waiver or whether his application for affiliation must be to a Syracuse Lodge; also whether he can be reinstated in Polar Star Lodge without formal affiliation?

Opinions are frequently sought from the Judge Advocate which, if given, are official only when requested or adopted by the Grand Master. To avoid circumlocution and unnecessary burden upon the Grand Master, and yet to aid conscientious seekers for guidance of their actions, it would seem that any opinion for which the Judge Advocate may thus be asked, and which may appear to warrant it, should be delivered to the Grand Master, who may in his discretion transmit it to the inquirer.

With this in mind, I advise:

*First.* The effect of the dimit was to terminate the connection of the member with his Lodge and he thereupon became a non-affiliated Mason.

(Pro. G. L. 1862, Dec. 41, P. 32.)

(Mackey Jurisprudence, P. 202.)

(Judge Advocate Opinion XII, G. L. Pro. 1910, P. 509.)

*Second.* He may apply for affiliation with his former Lodge or with any other Lodge within the State of New York in the same manner as any other non-affiliate.

*Section 88, Constitution*, which authorizes a petition for affiliation does not require a waiver or consent from any Lodge.

*Section 85, Constitution*, which treats of territorial jurisdiction, applies to *initiation* only. Marked discrimination exists between petitions for initiation and affiliation. The withdrawal of a petition for initiation is prohibited, yet permitted if the petition be for affiliation. They are, however, in some respects to be similarly treated. Both must be referred to an Investigating Committee and a unanimous ballot is alike requisite and a favorable ballot may be reconsidered upon demand in each instance, and in each case the By-laws must be signed to consummate membership.

*Third.* Our Constitution does not authorize an application for reinstatement or restoration by one who has voluntarily severed his connection with a Lodge, and he can only again become a member by regular affiliation. This should not be confounded with the case specified in *Regulations, Section 16*, which governs the case of one who has applied for membership in another Lodge within this jurisdiction, but after election therein has failed to consummate his membership, whereupon the dimit sent to such other Lodge becomes void for the obvious reason that in the latter case membership does not terminate in his former Lodge until he has consummated membership in the accepted Lodge by signing the By-laws thereof.

*Fourth.* A dimit should not be granted to a member of a Lodge who may contemplate going to a jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge until he shall in fact become a resident of such other Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Such is the construction that should be placed upon *Regulations, Section 16*. If a member desires to sever his connection with his Lodge before becoming a resident of another jurisdiction he can accomplish this by an application for a withdrawal certificate authorized by Section 17, Regulations.

### LXXXVIII.

#### LODGE POWER TO AMEND BY-LAWS TO DISCRIMINATE AS TO DUES BETWEEN MEMBERS.

##### *Matter of Independent Lodge.*

The Lodge proposes to amend its By-laws to provide that the dues of its members whose applications are received on or before March 1, 1911, shall remain at the present rates, but those whose applications are received after March 1, 1911, shall be increased.

An opinion is requested as to the power of the Lodge to adopt the amendment. The limit of amendments of By-laws by a Lodge was considered in the matter of St. George's Lodge, Pro. 1910, P. 527, citing Opinions of MACKAY, P. 195; FOX, G. M. Pro. 1874, P. 20; THORNE,

G. M. Pro. 1875, P. 31; BURNHAM, G. M. Pro. 1894, P. 163, concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence, which summarized hold that coercive dues are of modern origin not prescribed or regulated by any of the ancient Constitutions and formerly were voluntary, but now a necessity, if for no other reason than that the Grand Lodge requires payment for its support from subordinate bodies.

Our Constitution, Section 83, grants power to a lodge to enact By-laws requiring and regulating the payment of lodge dues and providing a penalty for non-payment thereof. The obligation of a brother to pay dues is held to be in the nature of a contract with the lodge. Assuming the lodge by its By-laws to have reserved the right of amendment such right is a part of the contract which binds those who are members before the adoption of the amendment, and is assumed as part of the contract of membership by those who subsequently become members.

In the St. George Lodge case an effort was made to assess members of a privileged class who had purchased their exemption under the By-laws. The case of Continental Lodge, which was considered by BURNHAM, G. M., was distinguished, and it was held that St. George Lodge could not amend its By-law so as to place an additional burden upon those who had become exempt by full compliance with a By-law while it was in force.

In the Continental Lodge case a By-law providing for a privileged class after payment of a certain number of years' dues was repealed before the expiration of the limited period, and it was held that inasmuch as the members had paid during the period not more than would have been required of them, the repeal took away the privilege.

These cases illustrate the power of the lodge to make amendments if they do not conflict with vested contract rights.

The only express *Constitutional* restrictions are in *Section 48*, which provides that any By-law inconsistent with the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the principles of Masonry is void, and the prohibition in *Section 18, Regulations*, "that a Lodge shall not make a Mason for a sum less than Twenty dollars (\$20) nor upon credit."

In my opinion the *power* exists to adopt the amendment by Independent Lodge, always assuming that the right of amendment has been reserved in the By-laws and that the proper procedure is had. No opinion is expressed as to the wisdom of the amendment.

*Mackey*, in his *Jurisprudence*, P. 34, enumerates as a Landmark "the equality of all Masons," and adds that this implies "that as children of one Great Father we meet in the Lodge upon a level."

*Chase*, in his *Digest*, P. 436, referring to the practice to admit ministers of the gospel to the order without fee, and remitting dues, questions its Masonic justice and adds:

"One Brother should not be required or allowed to pay an increased tax for the support of our organization, for the purpose of relieving another, and one equally, or perhaps better able to pay, from any tax of the kind."

And in some Jurisdictions discrimination as to the amount of fees on account of profession or occupation of an applicant has been disapproved.

On this ground it is worthy of consideration conceding the power whether it is wise to adopt a system tending to create classes. This, however, is not a legal question but one of policy, to be thoughtfully considered in the interest of the Craft.

## LXXXIX.

ADVANCEMENT OF CANDIDATE. MASTER TO DETERMINE PROFICIENCY  
WITHOUT REGARD TO VERBAL OBJECTION OF A MEMBER  
NOT DEMANDING A BALLOT.

*Matter of Chancellor Kent Lodge.*

It is stated that the Master of Chancellor Kent Lodge, No. 870, caused certain Entered Apprentices to be examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency for the Degree of Fellow Craft in accordance with Section 21, Regulations; after which, upon inquiry by him, both Wardens stated they were satisfied with the proficiency of the Brethren, whereupon the Master ruled that he would confer the Degree. BRO. YOST and two other Brethren thereafter verbally objected to the proficiency of one or two of the candidates, but the Master overruled the objection and conferred the Degree. No motion was made in open Lodge for a new ballot under Section 96 of the Constitution. The authority of the Master is questioned by BRO. YOST. In my opinion the Master was within his province. BRO. YOST has confused the purposes of the two Sections to which reference is made which are intended to cover separate and distinct matters.

Section 21, Regulations, provides that "a Brother shall not be passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft \* \* \* without proof of suitable proficiency in the preceding Degree, ascertained from an examination in open Lodge, or by a Committee appointed for that purpose."

This Section was followed when the candidates were examined in open Lodge. In the absence of a specific provision to the contrary, the Master should determine the question of proficiency. Others may differ with him in opinion, but there must be a final determination by him or a vote of the Lodge, which could not be by any appeal from his decision. It would be intolerable to hold that individual members, by a mere verbal objection, could thwart the judgment of the Master in a question of proficiency of a candidate, and thereby take from him the control of the Work.

Section 96 concedes the right of a ballot for each Degree if demanded. Such demand must be made in open Lodge, because it is part of the business of a regular Communication. Whatever request in this respect was made by BRO. YOST was not during the business of the Communication, and while the Lodge was in Session, but somewhere during recess.

The criticism of BRO. YOST is that a verbal objection must be respected and " \* \* \* will defer the advancement of a Brother until the subsequent Communication of a Lodge." While this language occurs in Section 96, Constitution, it clearly has reference to the character and desirability of the candidate. The language is "If after a



Brother has been initiated, any member shall demand a ballot upon his advancement, and such ballot result in a *rejection*, the Brother may be proposed for advancement at any subsequent Stated Communication of the Lodge." It further requires "a clear ballot at such subsequent Communication" and is manifestly intended to prevent his advancement at all without a second ballot, and is to enable investigation as to his membership, which can only be consummated after the Master's Degree and his signature to the By-laws (Sec. 49, Constitution).

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, as Grand Master, passed upon a question analogous to the present in the case of York Lodge, in which the First Degree was conferred notwithstanding a verbal objection, but a new ballot was not demanded, subsequently the Master conferred the Second and Third Degrees. The District Deputy was present at the time the First Degree was conferred and declined to interfere. The Grand Master refused to entertain charges against the Master unless an opportunity be given him to be heard.

Such a hearing need not be required unless the Grand Master shall deem the preliminary statement sufficient to make out a case warranting formal charges which, in my opinion, the present case does not justify.

## XC.

### WAIVER OF JURISDICTION BY LODGE IN FAR ROCKAWAY NECESSARY FOR RESIDENT THERE MAKING APPLICATION TO LODGE IN ANOTHER BOROUGH.

#### *Matter of Olympia Lodge.*

A resident of Rockaway Park, in Queens County, First Masonic District, seeks admission to Americus Lodge in the Seventh Masonic District, Borough of Manhattan. Olympia Lodge of Far Rockaway, Queens County, nearest to the residence of the applicant refuses to grant a waiver of jurisdiction. An inquiry is made whether such waiver is necessary.

Section 85, Constitution, provides that "each Lodge in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all persons residing nearer to it by an air line than to any other Lodge." An exception is made by which concurrent jurisdiction is given to Long Island City Lodges over persons residing in that territory. This determines the question. A waiver is necessary. The Constitution distributes the jurisdiction of the several Boroughs of New York City. Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx have concurrent jurisdiction over residents in those three Boroughs. Richmond Lodges have exclusive jurisdiction over persons residing in that Borough. Queens has jurisdiction over persons residing in Queens and the air line prevails, except that the Lodges within the territory formerly known as Long Island City have concurrent jurisdiction over that particular territory as to which the air line jurisdiction does not apply.

## XCI.

LODGE JURISDICTION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
FUGITIVE UNAFFILIATED MASON.*Matter of Courtlandt Lodge.*

It appears a Brother of Courtlandt Lodge, No. 34, was indicted by the Grand Jury of Westchester County on a charge of forgery, but was never tried or convicted. He has disappeared and his whereabouts is unknown.

At a Regular Communication of the Lodge in January, 1910, Masonic charges were made and a Trial Commission duly appointed. Thereafter his name was stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues. Inquiry is made as to the jurisdiction of the Commissioners to proceed with the trial.

In my opinion the unaffiliation of the defendant did not deprive the Lodge of jurisdiction or invalidate proceedings already had. Section 20, Constitution, grants the Grand Lodge jurisdiction against an unaffiliated Mason. Section 99, Constitution, gives a subordinate lodge concurrent jurisdiction over any unaffiliated Mason residing within its territorial jurisdiction. Section 9, Definitions, defines residence as synonymous with domicile which continues when fixed until lawfully changed. Under this Section the residence of the defendant is not changed from Westchester County by the fact that he is a fugitive from justice. The Lodge had jurisdiction to entertain charges and proceedings were properly instituted. Neither the absence nor the unaffiliation operates as a stay of proceedings which should be continued under our Code of Procedure.

## XCII.

## JURISDICTION OVER COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVING DUAL RESIDENCES.

*Matter of Warren Lodge.*

It appears that a student in Cornell University who resides with his parents in New York City a part of the year and the rest of the time at their residence in Union Springs, where they own property, and which they call their home, has applied for membership in Warren Lodge.

The question is asked whether it is necessary to secure a waiver of jurisdiction from any New York City Lodge. Section 9 of our Definitions defines "residence" as "Permanent Home" or "domicile," and the determination of residence depends upon acts indicating a present intention to immediately make a permanent home in a designated place. A student neither loses nor gains a home by entering the university. He can have but one home and hence one residence, notwithstanding the fact that he remains part of the year in the City and the remainder in the country, and this residence or home must be fixed by himself, not by mere declaration, but by acts.

The case of former United States Senator Platt is an illustration. While he was in business in New York City and was there much of his time, the courts held his home to be in Owego, where he lived part of the time and voted.

In my opinion it is within the province of the applicant to decide for himself which place is now and will be for the immediate future his residence, and if he has resided there for the period of one year, the Lodge nearest by an air line has jurisdiction to accept his application without a waiver from a lodge in the City of New York.

### XCIII.

#### CHILD OF LIVING MASON IN GOOD STANDING MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE HOME AT UTICA IN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The question is whether the corporation possesses power to accept as an inmate of the Home a half orphan whose mother has died, leaving her surviving the father, a Mason in good standing in this jurisdiction:

In 1808-9 the subject of raising a fund for an establishment for the education of children was considered by the Grand Lodge, based upon a fixed tax upon the Lodges (2 McClenahan, 228). The project was tried, but finally in 1818 seems to have terminated (p. 238).

During this period in 1811 a Committee of three for managing the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge was created and the property of the Grand Lodge was transferred to them. This Committee was styled the "Committee of Fiscal Concerns."

In 1827 the Committee was enlarged to five and the title changed to "Trustees of the Permanent Fund," consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens and the Grand Secretary. They were given power to invest the funds subject to disposition by vote of the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication.

In 1842 the "Hall and Asylum Fund" originated by a contribution of one dollar from a Past Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge. The following year a memorial was presented to the Grand Lodge to raise a fund for "the erection of a Hall in the City of New York for the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies and the founding of an *Asylum* for worthy decayed Masons, their widows and orphans."

This is the first expression of an intention to found an *Asylum*, and it was to be limited to *Masons, their widows and orphans*. The subject of the *education of children*, which had been considered in 1808, was not mentioned in this memorial.

In 1861 a Committee of five was appointed by the Grand Lodge to prepare and present for consideration a plan for the organization of an Association for the purpose of building a Masonic *Hall or Temple* in the City of New York. No mention of a *Home* was made. The Committee reported favorably, giving as a reason that the income of the Hall could be used to aid in the erection and maintenance of an *Asylum* and recommended the organization of a joint stock company, but it was not followed.

In 1862 the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution recommending the

Masters of each Lodge to solicit donations in aid of the "Hall and Asylum Fund" in order that the original purpose of its founders may be speedily and successfully carried out, viz.: the building of a Masonic Hall in the City of New York, and from the income of said Hall, the establishing a Masonic Asylum in the central portion of the State.

At the same Grand Lodge Communication a Committee was appointed to ascertain the history of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and reported that in 1842-3 a petition had been presented by one hundred Brethren who had subscribed the sum of about \$300 toward a fund for the erection of:

(1) A Hall in the City of New York for the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies, and

(2) The founding of an Asylum for *worthy decayed Masons, their widows and orphans.*

This was referred to a Special Committee of three, who recommended a resolution that the "Trustees of the Permanent Fund" take charge of moneys which might be given by individuals and lodges to the project of a Hall, which resolution was adopted.

In 1863 the subject of a Charter for a Masonic Hall Association was referred to the "Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund" with power.

In 1864 the Grand Master reported the act passed by the Legislature incorporating the "Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund" to erect a Masonic Hall in the City of New York, the net revenue of which, then estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000, was to be devoted to the endowment of an "*Asylum and school for the education of the children of Masons and for the relief of worthy indigent Masons, their widows and orphans.*"

The Legislative Journals of the Assembly and Senate indicate that the Charter was carefully considered and amendments were made to it as originally presented, but not affecting the present question.

It is known as Chapter 272 of the Laws of 1864, and Section 4 states as the object of the corporation thereby created:

"Out of the funds derived from the rent or income of the Hall or other sources to build, establish and maintain an Asylum or Asylums, school or schools for the free education of the children of Masons, and for the relief of worthy and indigent Masons, their widows and orphans."

A discrimination is made between "*children of Masons*" and "*orphans.*" The "*children*" are to receive free education. They may or may not be "*orphans.*" The further provision is for the relief of "*worthy and indigent Masons, their widows and orphans.*" The use of the words "*widow*" and "*orphan*" of a worthy and indigent Mason assumes that the Mason is deceased, otherwise there could be no widow. The word "*orphan*" should be read in connection with the word "*widow,*" as intended to refer to the child of a deceased Mason and not of a living Mason.

The amendatory Acts, Chap. 503, Laws 1873; Chap. 350, Laws 1877; Chap. 55, Laws 1885, and Chap. 105, Laws 1890, do not enlarge or diminish the powers of the Trustees in this respect.

Chap. 668 of the Laws of 1898 did amend Section 4 of the original

Act of 1864 by adding the "*wife*" of a worthy and indigent Mason to the class of beneficiaries, without taking away the educational benefit to children of a living Mason. The words "*Home or Homes*" were added to the "*Asylum or Asylums*."

The foregoing history presents an original purpose to furnish a "*school*" for the children of Masons, to be supported by direct tax upon the subordinate Lodges, which was an experiment for about ten years, from 1808 to 1818. The action of the Grand Lodge and the resulting act of incorporation indicate a continuation of such intent. The Home was to be for the relief, support and care of the worthy and indigent Mason while living, and upon his death his widow and his orphans. This class has been enlarged by permitting the "Trustees" to admit the wife of an indigent Mason. The "children," not necessarily "orphans," are to be educated. The addition of the words "*Home or Homes*" and "*wives*" evinces an intention to increase rather than limit the objects of bounty. The Home is located in the centre of the State. A "*school*" without a "*Home*" for the children would prohibit all but those living in the immediate vicinity and thus defeat its purpose. If the corporation is to educate the children of Masons from all parts of the State, a Home must be provided.

Every power incidental to the principal powers granted and necessary to their exercise must be deemed to exist, and under such established rule I advise that the "Trustees" has power to admit to the Home the child of a Mason in good standing, whether one or both parents are living, and maintain such child during the educational period. This is not mandatory and I am of the opinion that it is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, whose judgment in each case must depend upon the circumstances of the parents, or, if either be dead, upon the ability of the surviving parent to care for the child.

#### XCIV.

BALLOT—NOT GOVERNED BY CONSTITUTION, BUT BY LANDMARKS.  
MOTIVE NOT SUBJECT OF INQUIRY.

#### *Matter of Granville Lodge.*

A petitioner for membership was formally rejected. The Master is informed that this was due to personal objection. He fears that for some reason he will be again rejected, and asks whether there is some part of the Constitution to cover the case. This is not, and cannot be governed by the Constitution, nor is it subject to dispensation by the Grand Master. It is controlled by the Landmarks, which declare that the ballot for candidates is always strictly secret and inviolable. It is the privilege of a member of a Lodge to cast a black ball against a candidate to whom he objects. Harmony in the Lodge demands that the candidate must be unanimously approved. While the Master highly favors the petitioner, and no suggestion is made against his character or fitness, it must be remembered that any other member of the Lodge having a different opinion must be left equally free to exercise his will as to the ballot.

The case differs from those in which members have made open threat to obstruct business of the Lodge by preventing generally the acceptance of applicants for membership.

## XCV.

PROCEDURE UPON PLEA OF GUILTY IN CRIMINAL COURT NOT PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE UPON TRIAL OF CHARGES. LODGE NOT TO ACCEPT REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS DISMISSING CHARGES WITHOUT PREJUDICE, BUT SHOULD REFER BACK TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO PROCEED WITH THE TRIAL.

*Matter of Joseph G. Robin.*

Charges of larceny were made against the defendant, and Trial Commissioners appointed by the Lodge. The defendant had pleaded guilty of the alleged larceny in a Criminal Court. A copy of the record, showing such plea, was offered and accepted in evidence without further proof. The Lodge Trial Commissioners reported in favor of dismissal of the charges without prejudice to either party. A question of procedure by the Lodge is presented.

Section 27, of the Code of Procedure, makes the record of a *judgment* of a Court of Law presumptive evidence. The record does not show that any judgment was ever entered in the case under the indictment for larceny. A plea of guilty before a Criminal Court is not a judgment. The Commissioners are, therefore, right in holding that such plea is insufficient without additional proof that the offense charged has been committed. I do not approve of the resolution that the complaint be dismissed without prejudice to either party. The Lodge should refer the matter back to the Commission, which should, by adjournment, keep the matter in suspense until judgment is entered under the indictment, and then proceed with the trial. I have not the pleadings before me, and do not know whether the defendant denied or admitted the charges, but assume that a denial was entered. The *judgment* in the criminal case would be presumptive evidence only, and this would not debar the defendant from offering evidence to prove his innocence. (See *Lewis vs. Hoffman*, Op. Commissioner of Appeals, adopted by Grand Lodge Pro. 1902, P. 234.)

No opinion is expressed to the Trial Commissioners or the Lodge upon the merits of the case, but merely as to the proper procedure that the Lodge may not be embarrassed by any mistake of practice.

The Lodge cannot order a new trial, but should simply refer the matter back to the Commissioners to proceed with the trial, declining to accept the report, because it appears that the trial has never been concluded and cannot be terminated until all the evidence is in on both sides, and then a final report as to guilt or innocence is to be rendered. Until this has been done, the Commissioners are not entitled to a discharge.

## XCVI.

## PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION. STATUS OF CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED TWO DEGREES.

*Matter of Living Stone Lodge, No. 255.*

A candidate having lost a foot is initiated as an Entered Apprentice and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The Master has been tried and found guilty of a Masonic offense because those Degrees were conferred, and the penalty has been enforced. The status of the candidate is presented for consideration. The disciplinary proceedings have conclusively determined that he was not eligible within the Landmarks, which provide that a candidate for the honors of Freemasonry must have no "maim or defect in his body or mind that may render him incapable of learning and practicing the art."

In 1870 Grand Master GIBSON held the unlawful making of one a Mason (which is done when the Entered Apprentice Degree is conferred) "confers no right on him to any further light in Masonry, nor does the Lodge thereby gain any right over him Masonically. An unlawful act cannot be the foundation of a lawful one. Indeed, a wrong-doer must restore what he has gotten unlawfully before he can receive the same lawfully. This is the familiar principle that the law discourages getting anything by unlawful means."

The rule is different in the case of an injury received after the initiation of one who theretofore was physically qualified, and the reason is plain: He was qualified when he became a Mason, and his subsequent injury does not prevent his advancement.

While the question was made doubtful by Decisions in 1854-5, the matter was placed at rest in 1864, since which time it has been repeatedly held in this Jurisdiction that the physical disqualification applies only to *initiation*, not advancement.

Inasmuch as the candidate was physically disqualified *before initiation*, he is not entitled to further advancement, but recognizing his innocence, and that the Master has been disciplined because of his Masonic offense in permitting such initiation, and further that the candidate cannot receive that which was contemplated at the time of his acceptance, he is entitled to the return of his initiation fee, and the Lodge record should show the facts, which should also be reported to the Grand Secretary that his Grand Lodge number may be cancelled.

## XCVII.

## EFFECT ON TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION IN CASE OF CHANGE OF MEETING-PLACE WITHIN THE TOWN DESIGNATED IN CHARTER.

*Matter of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 263.*

A Charter was granted to Mt. Vernon Lodge, which located it at North Java, Wyoming County, New York, on June 17, 1852.

On October 29, 1907, a dispensation was granted to the Lodge to

meet alternately at North Java and at Java Village, and a similar dispensation was granted on June 8, 1908. This matter was the subject of an opinion by the Judge Advocate, reported Pro. 1910, P. 569. The application and its grant were with the restriction that it would not change the jurisdiction of the Lodge in the matter of material, its jurisdiction being fixed by its original place of location, North Java. The jurisdiction of a Lodge is controlled by its Charter, and cannot be removed or changed, except in conformity with constitutional legislation of the Grand Lodge.

These matters are covered by Section 72 of the present Constitution, and Section 10 of Regulations, which were adopted May 6, 1909, and were formerly covered by Sections 66 and 91 of the former Constitution.

If we go further back, we find Section 20 of the Statutes of the Grand Lodge, which, so far as the present question is concerned, is substantially the same as Section 10 of our present Regulations, and has been repeatedly considered in our Grand Lodge.

*In 1859, the Grand Lodge determined, Pro. P. 28 and P. 256, that although the warrant locates a Lodge in a particular town, and it may meet anywhere in that town on compliance with Section 20 of the Statutes, yet its territorial jurisdiction extends but half way to the nearest Lodge, although such last-mentioned Lodge be in a different town and thereby acquires jurisdiction over the largest portion of such adjoining town.*

*In 1864, Pro. 136, the Grand Lodge, by resolution, provided that all Warrants thereafter issued to Lodges should specifically restrict the working to the places stated in the dispensation and should not remove therefrom without permission of the Grand Lodge.*

*In 1870, Grand Master GIBSON held that the location of a Lodge cannot be changed so as to injuriously affect the jurisdiction of an existing Lodge without the previous consent of such latter Lodge; nor with such consent without the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.*

*In 1875, Grand Master THORNE, Decision 45, held:*

*“The removal of a Lodge within its jurisdiction is an impossibility, except in the case specially provided for in the Statute of Grand Lodge; for, as soon as a Lodge has legally removed its place of meeting from one village to another, its jurisdictional limits are altered.”*

*In 1881, the Grand Master, in his address, pages 32-33, discussed the subject of removal of a Lodge within its own territory, and decided that a Lodge by removal obtained territorial jurisdiction in the direction toward which it moved, but lost or relinquished, by operation of law, a certain portion of the territory formerly occupied by it to the Lodges toward which it moved. This was a case of permanent removal, which can only be accomplished by consent of all the Lodges whose jurisdiction would be prejudicially affected by such removal with the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.*

It will be noted that two subjects are in view:

*First.—The location of the Lodge:* The provisions of the several Constitutions, Statutes and Regulations have been substantially the same in this respect. Before a dispensation to form a new Lodge is issued a



recommendation is required from the Lodges whose jurisdictions would be affected by the new Lodge. The exceptions need not be considered, bearing in mind, however, that where a single Lodge refuses to give its consent to the *establishment of a new Lodge*, the Grand Master may, in his judgment, issue a dispensation without such consent.

*Second.* The other subject has reference to the *removal* of an existing Lodge. This only requires the sanction of the Grand Master when the Lodge proposes to remove itself *from* the town, village or city, or "*portion of the city*" named in its Charter. So long as it simply proposes to change its meeting-place from one building to another building *within* the town, or village named in its Charter, the sanction of the Grand Master is unnecessary, provided there be an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a Stated Communication, to attend which they shall have been required by a summons served at least ten days previously, stating the subject to be acted upon at such Communication. In such case, however, the territorial jurisdiction remains unchanged, and it was precisely in accordance with this view that the Grand Master assented to the alternate places of meeting, an action, not covered specifically by the Constitution, but an exercise of a power inherent to the Grand Master, and which was exercised for the accommodation of Mt. Vernon Lodge, but not to be in any wise detrimental to another Lodge. The question has been raised whether, by reason of such consideration, by the Grand Master granting to Mt. Vernon Lodge a right to hold a meeting at Java Village for the accommodation of its members, it has acquired jurisdiction which it did not formerly possess over the village of Holland, which has been within the jurisdiction of Living Stone Lodge, No. 255.

In my opinion, the question should be answered in the negative, otherwise a Lodge with a Warrant locating it in a specific place, be it town, village or city, with the consent of other Lodges whose jurisdiction might be affected, could by mere vote of its members *change its jurisdiction* by changing its location *without* the consent of the Lodges affected and *without* the sanction of the Grand Master.

In my opinion such a claim would be without merit, creating a situation which should not be tolerated.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT.

R. W. HENRY LIPPMANN, from the Committee on Audit, presented the report of said Committee, which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Audit, with the consent and approval of the Grand Master, and as required by the Constitution, retained Messrs. McRae, Jameson & Company, of New York City, certified public accountants, and authorized them to audit and examine the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and Superintendent of "Home" at Utica.

Your Committee find, as per the certified tabulated reports, herewith, that all the cash shown to have been received by the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and the Superintendent of the Home, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1911, has been accounted for, and satisfactory vouchers, certificates of deposit and securities exhibited.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT L. SMITH,

JOHN G. WALLENMEIER, JR.,

HENRY LIPPMANN,

} Committee on Audit.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN.

R. W. EDWIN A. QUICK, Grand Librarian, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY.

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and Brother:* It is a pleasure to state that the reports of the Grand Historian continue to meet with favorable criticism, so much so as to suggest a continuation of work along the lines pursued for several years past.

The accompanying report brings the total number of sketches reported up to, and including, Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, making altogether two hundred and eighteen sketches reported. These sketches have been taken up numerically and but three Lodges have been omitted; these omissions were caused by the failure on the part of the Lodges in furnishing any information relating to their doings. Repeated efforts were made by the Grand Historian to induce the officers to furnish the necessary data, but without avail. The accompanying report contains a sketch of one Lodge which after repeated requests failed to furnish any information concerning its life; fortunately in this case by aid of some data in possession of the Grand Historian, together with papers on file in the Grand Secretary's office, made it possible to present a few facts relating to its organization and early life.

These cases, however, are exceptions to the rule, for generally all desired information is promptly furnished, in most cases the request for data meets with generous and enthusiastic response. In some instances it has been necessary to materially abridge the data furnished, but all information received is carefully indexed and filed for future reference and use in case a more extended history of a Lodge may be desired.

These sketches are not intended, nor should they be expected, to contain all of the incidents or circumstances which tend to make a Lodge history especially interesting to those who may be associated with it, but it is the intention and they are expected to contain all reliable facts of historical value relating to the Lodges as may be of interest to the general reader.

Frequent requests have been received by the Grand Historian for information of a personal or historical nature, all of which have been given careful attention, and in most cases the information desired has been furnished.

One case of this kind deserves special mention as it proves that patience and perseverance sometimes accomplishes its purpose and may find the "needle in the hay-stack." A party living in Utah asked for information relating to his grandfather who he supposed, from papers he had examined, was made a Mason in some Lodge, the name being unknown, but was supposed to have been located in the City of New York or Scotland, in May, 1806. The number of the Lodge was 2 or 11. He gave the name of his grandfather, also the names of three others who were supposed to be members of the Lodge mentioned. Upon receiving the inquiry a search among the old papers on file was made, also the minutes of the Grand Lodge were examined; in making this search a paper was found containing the names of those mentioned in the letter of inquiry, but the name of his grandfather was not found; however, the paper gave the name of a party who had just been made a Mason. This information was mailed to the inquirer, and in due time an answer was received which stated that the new brother was indeed his grandfather, who, being a mariner and in order to escape impressment in the French naval service, he being a Frenchman, had taken an assumed name.

In seeking this information and also data relating to the Lodges the Grand Secretary, M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, and his entire staff have shown the Grand Historian every courtesy, and when desired have assisted him in securing data for his work; to each and everyone he desires to express his gratitude for the courtesies and his thanks for the assistance given.

In conclusion I thank you sincerely for my appointment, the duties are agreeable and have furnished opportunities for pleasant intercourse with the Brethren. I beg to extend my congratulations upon the deserved success of your administration, and with the warmest personal regards for yourself and kindest wishes for your future success and happiness I am,

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. QUICK.

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## CANASTOTA LODGE, NO. 231.

### CANASTOTA, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 5, 1874.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

The name or number has never been changed.

Canastota Lodge was organized in 1851; a petition was sent to the Grand Lodge asking for a warrant, and on June 5, 1851, the Committee

on Warrants reported in favor of the application, and on June 25, 1851, a warrant was issued which named as officers:

NELSON C. POWERS, Master.  
COLLIN BROOKS, Senior Warden.  
FRANKLIN B. CURTIS, Junior Warden.

#### CHAPTER MEMBERS.

Nelson C. Powers.  
Franklin B. Curtis.  
J. S. Spencer.  
Isadoc Martindale.  
Gold T. Curtis.  
Solomon Covey.  
Thomas F. Petrie.  
Edwin Mills.  
Sylvanus Seeber, Jr.  
Giles S. Cranston.  
Charles A. Spencer.  
D. W. C. Roberts.  
Joseph C. Irish.

Collin Brooks.  
Nathan S. Cady.  
Jason W. Powers.  
Asahel C. Stone.  
William Thompson.  
R. B. Landon.  
Benjamin J. Chapman.  
Eli T. Covey.  
John Snow.  
Venoni W. Mason.  
Loring Fowler.  
Fred H. Wary.  
Smith Sayles.

The Lodge met regularly at first, but in 1855 for some unexplained reason the members lost interest in its affairs and it failed to make returns to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge was notified by the Grand Secretary to make returns and settle its indebtedness or its warrant would be demanded. It failed to respond to the notification, and in 1856 the warrant was returned to the Grand Lodge.

During the spring of 1860 a successful effort was made to revive the Lodge. A petition was prepared asking for a dispensation to revive the Lodge, and on July 5, 1860, M. W. JOHN W. SIMONS issued a dispensation to the following, most of them members of the old Lodge:

Harrison Frank.  
Daniel N. Crouse.  
Loring Fowler.  
Smith Sayles.  
William Thompson.  
Randolph S. Webster.  
L. H. York.  
Henry W. Adams.  
Orson F. Messenger.

Charles A. Spencer.  
Venoni W. Mason.  
Joseph C. Irish.  
Jason W. Powers.  
Benjamin J. Chapman.  
Eli T. Covey.  
Isaac Parks.  
Nicholas B. Dyer.  
Z. Benham.

Franklin B. Curtis.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held June 6, 1861, the Committee on Warrants made a report which contained the following:

"Canastota Lodge at Canastota, Madison County, working under dispensation, prays for the restoration of their former number 231. We recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, with the names of Harrison Frank as Master, Charles A. Spencer as Senior Warden and Charles B. Crouse as Junior Warden."

The report was adopted and the following resolution offered by R. W. CLINTON F. PAIGE was also adopted.

"RESOLVED, That the properties and effects of the late Canastota Lodge, No. 231, be donated to Canastota Lodge No. 231, chartered this day, upon condition that they assume all liabilities and pay the indebtedness of said Lodge up to the time of the forfeiture of their warrant."

Since its revival the Lodge has met regularly and prospered.

On October 27, 1873, the building in which the Lodge had quarters

was destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing the most of its property including its warrant. It afterwards worked under a special dispensation until June 5, 1874, when its present warrant was issued.

On January 13, 1875, its new quarters were dedicated by R. W. JEROME DILLENBECK, District Deputy Grand Master.

In the early part of 1886 it secured new quarters which were publicly dedicated by R. W. GEORGE W. CHAPMAN, District Deputy Grand Master, and who at the time was also Master of the Lodge.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same October 5, 1892.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Nelson C. Powers.	1884. George W. Chapman.
1852. Nelson C. Powers.	1885. George W. Chapman.
1853. Nelson C. Powers.	1886. George W. Chapman.
1854. Nelson C. Powers.	1887. George W. Chapman.
1855. Nelson C. Powers.	1888. James W. Knapp.
1856. Nelson C. Powers.	1889. James W. Knapp.
1861. Harrison Frank.	1890. Albert O. Briggs.
1862. Harrison Frank.	1891. John H. McMahon.
1863. Charles B. Crouse.	1892. George B. Russell.
1864. Charles B. Crouse.	1893. Delmar T. Willis.
1865. Venoni W. Mason.	1894. Henry R. Ernschaw.
1866. George O. Perry.	1895. Thomas Hollenger.
1867. George O. Perry.	1896. Thomas Hollenger.
1868. Venoni W. Mason.	1897. Charles M. Rose.
1869. William T. Northrup.	1898. Charles M. Rose.
1870. William T. Northrup.	1899. Frank A. Weaver.
1871. Albert W. Palmer.	1900. Alonzo Swart.
1872. William T. Northrup.	1901. Alonzo Swart.
1873. Gerrit A. Forbes.	1902. John W. Souter.
1874. Gerrit A. Forbes.	1903. Charles M. Rose.
1875. Gerrit A. Forbes.	1904. William Dobson.
1876. Solomon K. Pettit.	1905. Arthur N. Ellis.
1877. Solomon K. Pettit.	1906. Charles S. Deuel.
1878. M. Eugene Barlow.	1907. Levi R. Cooper.
1879. Venoni W. Mason.	1908. Levi R. Cooper.
1880. William T. Northrup.	1909. Albert A. Kessler.
1881. William T. Northrup.	1910. Charles A. Douglass.
1882. William T. Northrup.	1911. Hazard H. Robinson.
1883. George W. Chapman.	

### NAVIGATOR LODGE, NO. 232.

#### NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated July 7, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

On December 9, 1850, a meeting was held at National Hall, No. 29 Canal Street, for the purpose of organizing a "German Masonic Lodge." There were present at this meeting Friedrich Eckell of Naval Lodge; Charles Edwards, Hermann Kimme, Hermann Roberts, Heinrich Borchers, Hermann Nessler, John Schwanenwedel, Reinhard D. Schriefer, Gustav Schultz, Napoleon Kramer, all of German Pilgrim Lodge, and Christian Moeschen of Knickerbocker Lodge.

At this time there were other German Masonic Lodges in the City

of New York and three so-called Grand Lodges. Some of the German Lodges were affiliated with the Phillips Grand Lodge and others had united in the movement to revive St. John's Grand Lodge, consequently there was a long delay in perfecting the organization of the Lodge, and it was not until March 29, 1851, that a dispensation was obtained from the Grand Lodge of which William H. Milnor was the Grand Master.

The following were the applicants for this dispensation:

Heinrich Borchers.  
Charles Edwards.  
Christopher Witte.  
John Schwanenwedel.

Friedrich Eckell.  
Hermann Kimme.  
Reinhard D. Schriefer.  
Christian Moeschén.

The dispensation named as officers:

FRIEDRICH ECKELL, Master.  
HEINRICH BORCHERS, Senior Warden.  
CHRISTIAN MOESCHEN, Junior Warden.

The dispensation was made returnable June 1, 1851, and contained a special provision to the effect that a copy of the minutes must be kept in English. This provision was one of the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The dispensation was extended several times, the time being extended to specified periods, and finally it was extended to July 3, 1851.

The warrant was issued on July 7, and on the same date M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, constituted the Lodge and installed the following officers:

FRIEDRICH ECKELL, Master.  
CHARLES EDWARDS, Senior Warden.  
CHRISTIAN MOESCHEN, Junior Warden.  
RHEINHARD D. SCHRIEFER, Treasurer.  
HERMANN KIMME, Secretary.

The Lodge thrived and increased in numerical strength until 1861, but during the depressing and unhappy conditions which prevailed in the country from 1861 to 1865 interest in the Lodge failed to such a degree that it only had thirty-six names upon its roster, but as peace dawned upon the country new life seemed to be instilled into the Lodge, and before the close of the year 1865 twenty-three new names were added to its roll of membership; among the names added was that of Aaron Wiener, who two years later was elected Secretary of the Lodge and continued in that office forty years. This is an enviable record, and the Lodge was fortunate in securing so faithful a servant.

In 1877 Navigator Lodge, in conjunction with the other German Lodges located in the City of New York, organized the "German Masonic Association," having for its object the erection of a Masonic Temple in New York, and for the further purpose of securing and maintaining a home for aged Masons, their widows and orphans. Both of these objects have been accomplished; the corner-stone of the German Masonic Temple at No. 220 East Fifteenth Street was laid July 2, 1878, and was dedicated March 15, 1879. Since that time a Home has been secured at Tappan, Rockland County, New York, which was dedicated October 24, 1888.

The Lodge took an active interest in these affairs and has generously contributed toward these commendable enterprises, it is also noted for

its hospitality and sociability, frequently entertaining its members and friends by celebrating some special event in its history.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of the same, October 5, 1892.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in National Hall, No. 29 Canal Street, where it remained until 1857, when it moved to No. 160 Hester Street, remaining here until 1863, when it moved to No. 207 Bowery, where it remained until 1866, when it moved to the corner of Broome and Crosby streets. In 1869 it again moved, this time to Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining there until 1872, when it moved to No. 135 West Thirtieth Street.

In 1874 it returned to Odd Fellows Hall, remaining there until 1887, when it moved into the Steuben House on the Bowery, where it remained until 1880, when it moved into its present quarters in the German Masonic Temple, No. 220 East Fifteenth Street.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Henry Truberg, Grand Steward.

Andrew Riedell, District Deputy  
Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Friedrich Eckell.  
1852. Friedrich Eckell.  
1853. Heinrich Borchers.  
1854. Christian Moeschen.  
1855. Christian Moeschen.  
1856. Heinrich Borchers.  
1857. Heinrich Marcus.  
1858. Christian Moeschen.  
1859. Christian Moeschen.  
1860. George Schindler.  
1861. J. A. Nessler.  
1862. J. A. Nessler.  
1863. Sebastian Mayer.  
1864. John H. Harries.  
1865. Sebastian Mayer.  
1866. Sebastian Mayer.  
1867. Sebastian Mayer.  
1868. Sebastian Mayer.  
1869. Henry Steeger.  
1870. Michael Hack.  
1871. Michael Hack.  
1872. John H. Harries.  
1873. Joseph Strohmenger.  
1874. Joseph Strohmenger.  
1875. Michael Beimler.  
1876. Michael Beimler.  
1877. Conrad Hoeflich.  
1878. Conrad Hoeflich.  
1879. Henry Hillmeyer.  
1880. Edward Wassmann.  
1881. Edward Wassmann.

1882. Edward Wassmann.  
1883. Edward Wassmann.  
1884. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1885. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1886. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1887. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1888. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1889. Lorenz Wohlhagen.  
1890. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1891. Henry Hillmeyer.  
1892. Adolph Deimling.  
1893. Adolph Deimling.  
1894. John Mahl.  
1895. John Mahl.  
1896. Lorenz Fink.  
1897. Carl Kopp.  
1898. Carl Kopp.  
1899. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1900. Henry Truberg, Sr.  
1901. Max Clausen.  
1902. Max Clausen.  
1903. Andrew Riedell.  
1904. Andrew Riedell.  
1905. Andrew Riedell.  
1906. William Hufe.  
1907. Friedrich Martin.  
1908. Friedrich Martin.  
1909. Henry Truberg.  
1910. Henry Truberg.  
1911. Gustav Adolph.

## PACIFIC LODGE, NO. 233.

## NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated July 17, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Not intact, all records previous to March 14, 1861, were destroyed by fire.

There are no existing records relating to the birth or organization of Pacific Lodge beyond what is contained in the records and in papers in possession of the Grand Lodge. The records of the Grand Lodge contain no direct reference to the Lodge, but under date of June 6, 1851, is the following:

"On motion several petitions for warrants unaccompanied by all the necessary documents, . . . were referred to the Grand officers with power." It may be reasonably assumed that one of these petitions was for Pacific Lodge, as on July 17 a warrant was issued. Previous to this the Lodge had been working under a dispensation which is missing, as is also the petition asking for a dispensation. The only paper on file containing any information relating to the work of the Lodge while under dispensation is the returns of the Lodge dated June 1, 1851, which gives a membership of twelve, the charter members being given as follows:

D. F. Wilson.  
J. R. Miller.  
J. V. Snediker.  
M. Howe.

J. S. Crankshaw.  
William N. Buckley.  
A. J. Simmons.  
D. Wilson.

The following were initiates:

Thomas Johnson, initiated March 20.

John V. Lee, initiated April 3.

George Jones, initiated April 3.

John McGowan, initiated May 15.

The return is signed by William N. Buckley.

The warrant named as officers:

D. F. WILSON, Master.

J. S. CRANKSHAW, Senior Warden.

JOHN R. MILLER, Junior Warden.

The first election for officers under the warrant was held December 25, 1851, when Joseph H. Ming was elected Master, but before the officers were installed he was killed and the Senior Warden acted as master during the following year. Another sad incident occurred on December 13, 1866, which was the date of the annual election of officers. Thomas Johnson, who was the first initiate of the Lodge, was for the second time elected Master, but died on the same evening.

On the night of March 14, 1861, the quarters of the Lodge, No. 8 Union Square, were destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing the most of its property including its minutes.

The first meeting place was on the corner of Second Avenue and Twentieth Street, where it remained until 1854, when it moved to the corner of Third Avenue and Twentieth Street. During the latter part



of 1859 and 1860 it was located at No. 835 Broadway pending the completion of new quarters at No. 8 Union Square. It moved into these quarters on December 20, 1860, and on March 14, 1861, this building was partially destroyed by fire; it was afterward temporarily located at No. 594 Broadway, returning to its old quarters on Union Square June 6, 1861, remaining here until May, 1869, when it moved into Booth's Theatre building, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, remaining there until May, 1874, when it moved into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street. In September, 1909, it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

A short sketch of the Lodge, written by R. W. HENRY C. BANKS in 1862, contains the following:

"The first meeting of the Lodge under the warrant was on July 17, 1851, and there were present the M. W. OSCAR COLES and the other officers of the Grand Lodge, who dedicated the Lodge room on the southeast corner of Second Avenue and Twentieth Street, New York City, and installed the officers of the Lodge with the exception of Brother Wilson, who was absent an account of sickness. The sickness of W. BROTHER WILSON seems to have been of a permanent nature, as he never presided at any meeting of the Lodge under the warrant."

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1890; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

James W. Husted, Assemblyman.	Joseph E. Newburger, Justice,
William H. Robertson, U. S. Col- lector, Port of N. Y.	Court of Sessions.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Henry C. Banks, District Deputy Grand Master.	Isaac Teichman, District Deputy Grand Master.
Isaac B. Conover, Grand Librarian.	Southrick Hebbard, Grand Representative.
James W. Husted, Grand Master.	Edward C. White, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

#### MASTERS.

1851. D. F. Wilson.	1866. Alexander R. Reid.
1852. Joseph H. Ming.	1867. Alfred S. Brown.
1853. Andrew J. Simmons.	1868. Alfred S. Brown.
1854. Andrew J. Simmons.	1869. John S. Marshall.
1855. Franklin J. De Witt.	1870. John Pullman.
1856. William Bowne.	1871. Isaac Teichman.
1857. Charles B. Cornell.	1872. Isaac Teichman.
1858. John Costello.	1873. Isaac B. Conover.
1859. William Bowne.	1874. Isaac B. Conover.
1860. Henry C. Banks.	1875. Robert Nevins.
1861. Joseph Delavante.	1876. Isaac Teichman.
1862. John Costello.	1877. John Pullman.
1863. Thomas Johnson.	1878. John L. Piper.
1864. A. A. Valentine.	1879. William A. Moger.
1865. William McMunn.	1880. Horace Forbush.

1881. Horace Forbush.	1897. Southrick Hebbard.
1882. Joseph O. Davis.	1898. John Breidinger.
1883. Isaac Teichman.	1899. John Breidinger.
1884. Robert Betty.	1900. William I. Brower.
1885. William Johnson.	1901. John A. Britton.
1886. John T. Lee.	1902. Hollis E. Cooley.
1887. John Pullman.	1903. Hollis E. Cooley.
1888. William J. Conway.	1904. Hollis E. Cooley.
1889. Henry Schmidt.	1905. Robert J. Schofield.
1890. Henry Schmidt.	1906. Robert J. Schofield.
1891. Thomas A. Kerr.	1907. Edward C. White.
1892. Gustavus C. Weber.	1908. Edward C. White.
1893. Gustavus C. Weber.	1909. Frank G. Stanley.
1894. Gustavus C. Weber.	1910. Frank G. Stanley.
1895. Gustavus C. Weber.	1911. Charles H. Clarke.
1896. Southrick Hebbard.	

## RISING SUN LODGE, NO. 234.

### ADAMS, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated July 18, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

There are no records to be found relating to the organization of Rising Sun Lodge, and the petition and dispensation are also missing.

The petitioners were:

Benjamin Wright.	John C. Cooper.
Jeremiah Griswold.	Dennis M. Wait.
Elijah Wright.	Thomas Wait.
Samuel Wetmore.	Elisha Rogers.
Stephen C. Pierce.	Almonson Tibbetts.
Titus Bassett.	Bennett Pierce.
John H. Whipple.	John H. Gilbert.
	Herman Strong.

The first recorded meeting under the dispensation was held March 14, 1851, with the following as officers:

**BENJAMIN WRIGHT, Master.**  
**JOHN C. COOPER, Senior Warden.**  
**JEREMIAH GRISWOLD, Junior Warden.**  
**HERMAN STRONG, Treasurer.**  
**JOHN H. WHIPPLE, Secretary.**  
**DENNIS M. WAIT, Senior Deacon.**  
**ALMONSON TIBBETTS, Junior Deacon.**  
**ELIJAH WRIGHT, Tiler.**

At this meeting petitions for degrees were received from John McCarty, Lafayette Hertt, Jesacher Bates and Joseph L. Greene, and at the next meeting, held April 2d, they were initiated.

On August 7, 1851, the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed:

BENJAMIN WRIGHT, Master.  
 JOHN C. COOPER, Senior Warden.  
 JEREMIAH GRISWOLD, Junior Warden.  
 HERMAN STRONG, Treasurer.  
 JOHN H. WHIPPLE, Secretary.  
 THOMAS C. CHITTENDEN, Senior Deacon.  
 ALMONSON TIBBETTS, Junior Deacon.  
 JOHN MCCARTY, Tiler.

There is nothing in the records to show where the Lodge held its meetings prior to 1854, when it had quarters in a building owned by John H. Whipple, one of its members. It remained here until 1861, when it moved into quarters rented from Levi H. Brown, remaining there but one year, when it moved into the Cleveland Block, where it remained until March 7, 1904, when it moved into the Masonic Temple which had been erected by the Lodge.

This Temple was dedicated June 23, 1904, by R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Junior Grand Warden. The corner-stone was laid by the Lodge in 1903; the Lodge was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

The Lodge has in its possession a corner-stone found a few years ago in an old building at Adams, having upon it the following inscription:

"R. Goodell, W. M., Rising Sun Lodge, No. 125, June 17, 5824."

Some of the records of this old Lodge were for a time in possession of the present Lodge.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 125, was warranted June 5, 1805.

The petition for this Lodge on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is signed by the following:

Samuel C. Kanady.  
 John Simmons.  
 William Maynard.  
 David K. Carter.  
 Stephen Read.  
 Isaac Baker.

Isaiah Massey.  
 Eliphalet Edmunds.  
 John C. Sill.  
 Squier Read.  
 Michael Frost.  
 H. Massey.

The petition nominated as officers:

ROBERT MYRICK, Master.  
 CLARK ALLEN, Senior Warden.  
 SIMON WHITCOMB, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed June 4, 1806, by Augustus Sackett, Master of Ontario Lodge, No. 119 (now extinct).

Richard Goodell was Master of the Lodge for several years. Jeremiah Griswold, Elijah Wright and Titus Bassett, three of the organizers of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, were members of the old Lodge.

The warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 7, 1833; the last returns on file are dated December 22, 1825, it then had forty-four members.

The Morgan persecutions in all probability were largely responsible

for the downfall of the Lodge, and no effort was made to revive it or organize its successor until the advent of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, which has always been an active and thriving Lodge.

In 1858 R. W. WILLIAM H. DREW, Grand Lecturer, in making his report to the Grand Lodge refers to this Lodge in complimentary terms, as is clearly shown by the following excerpt from his report:

"On October 28, 1857, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, where I remained a week and I have seldom, if ever, witnessed greater exertions to obtain the work than were put forth by some of the Brethren of this Lodge, and I doubt not Rising Sun Lodge is competent to perform any work entrusted to their care, however difficult it may be."

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Isaac L. Hunt, Assemblyman.

Luther Pitkin, Assemblyman.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Richard H. Huntington, District  
Deputy Grand Master.\*

Frank S. Kenyon, District Deputy  
Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Benjamin Wright.	1882. De Elbert Taylor.
1852. Benjamin Wright.	1883. De Elbert Taylor.
1853. John C. Cooper.	1884. Dwight W. White.
1854. Isaac Washburn.	1885. Dwight W. White.
1855. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1886. Dwight W. White.
1856. Isaac Washburn.	1887. De Elbert Taylor.
1857. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1888. Birt Huson.
1858. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1889. E. William Fox.
1859. F. L. Williams.	1890. E. William Fox.
1860. Solon D. Hungerford.	1891. De Elbert Taylor.
1861. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1892. De Elbert Taylor.
1862. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1893. De Elbert Taylor.
1863. Richard H. Huntington.	1894. De Elbert Taylor.
1864. Richard H. Huntington.	1895. William W. Warriner.
1865. Richard H. Huntington.	1896. Edward C. Bersie.
1866. Richard H. Huntington.	1897. Frank S. Kenyon.
1867. George W. Grant.	1898. Frank S. Kenyon.
1868. Richard H. Huntington.	1899. Frank S. Kenyon.
1869. William Puffer.	1900. George P. Manville.
1870. Oscar D. Allen.	1901. George P. Manville.
1871. Oscar D. Allen.	1902. Charles H. Kenyon.
1872. Ward N. Emmons.	1903. Charles H. Kenyon.
1873. Alanson W. Kilby.	1904. Frank L. Raymond.
1874. Alanson W. Kilby.	1905. Charles H. Kenyon.
1875. Alanson W. Kilby.	1906. Ross A. Clark.
1876. John Ross.	1907. Ross A. Clark.
1877. Dwight W. White.	1908. Ross A. Clark.
1878. Alanson W. Kilby.	1909. Percy J. Parlow.
1879. De Elbert Taylor.	1910. Percy J. Parlow.
1880. De Elbert Taylor.	1911. Eldon Scheff.
1881. De Elbert Taylor.	

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\* R. W. BRO. HUNTINGTON was also Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the State of New York.

## KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 235.

## NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 3, 1851.

**MINUTES:** Not intact.

Keystone Lodge was organized during the summer of 1851. The petition dated July 11, 1851, was signed by the following:

Edmund B. Hays.  
Andrew J. Fisher.  
Elijah H. Purdy.  
John C. Burns.

William Work.  
Gilbert M. Platt.  
John Wood.  
Nicholas Slater.

The petition was recommended by Silentia Lodge No. 198.

On July 19, 1851, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

EDMUND B. HAYS, Master.  
WILLIAM WORK, Senior Warden.  
ANDREW J. FISHER, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was in operation scarcely one year when an attempt was made to revive St. John's Grand Lodge, and several of the active members of Keystone Lodge were drawn into this movement and some of them were elected officers of that organization.

A preliminary meeting was held on June 13, 1852, at which Edmund B. Hays, Master of Keystone Lodge, presided. An adjourned meeting was held on June 20, when a resolution was adopted to revive St. John's Grand Lodge and an election of officers was also held at this meeting. Among the officers elected who were members of Keystone Lodge were the following:

ANDREW J. FISHER, Junior Grand Warden.  
GILBERT M. PLATT, Grand Sword Bearer.  
H. L. THOMPSON, } Grand Stewards.  
G. L. OSBORNE, }  
JOHN WOODS, Senior Grand Deacon.  
GEORGE F. DOLLINGER, Junior Grand Warden.

The warrant of Keystone Lodge was retained until the fall of 1853 when it was surrendered.

The attempt to revive St. John's Grand Lodge did not meet with favor, and after a fitful and somewhat doubtful existence it disbanded and most of the Lodges associated with this ill-advised movement returned to the Grand Lodge in conformity to an arrangement adopted by the Grand Lodge, June 11, 1859, each Lodge being required to send in a petition, with the recommendation of the nearest Lodge, when a dispensation would be issued.

On July 5, 1859, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and nominating for officers:

EDMUND B. HAYS, Master.  
WILLIAM H. JARVIS, Senior Warden.  
THOMAS CHARLOCK, Junior Warden.

The petition was signed by the following:

Edmund B. Hays.  
Thomas Chadwick.  
George Quail.

William H. Jarvis.  
Aaron Butterfield.  
J. William Goetz.

The petition was recommended by Munn Lodge, No. 190, and Piatt Lodge, No. 194.

On August 2, 1859, a dispensation was issued by R. W. JOHN W. SIMONS, Deputy Grand Master.

The Lodge worked under this dispensation until May, 1860, when a petition dated May 29 was prepared asking for a warrant. This petition was signed by the following:

Edmund B. Hays.  
Thomas Charlock.  
George Quail.  
William Quail.  
F. P. Lovegrove.  
William Moore.  
Richard Dunn.

William H. Jarvis.  
Aaron Butterfield.  
John W. Goetz.  
J. J. Jennings.  
N. S. Neville.  
Edward S. Powell.  
John Roselle.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held June 8, 1860, the Committee on Warrants made a report recommending the granting of several warrants, among them was "For a Lodge at New York City to be called Keystone Lodge; and that the old charter and No. 235 be granted them."

On June 12, 1860, by authority of a dispensation issued by M. W. JOHN W. SIMONS, Grand Master, the Lodge was constituted and its officers installed by R. W. HENRY C. BANKS, D. D. G. M.

The three first officers were:

EDMUND B. HAYS, Master.  
WILLIAM H. JARVIS, Senior Warden.  
THOMAS CHARLOCK, Junior Warden.

The first meeting place of the Lodge after its revival was at No. 181 Bowery, where it remained until May, 1862, when it moved into Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining here until April, 1868, when it moved to Brevoort Hall on East Fifty-fourth Street near Third Avenue. In May, 1870, it moved to the corner of Bleecker Street and the Bowery, where it remained until May, 1876, when it moved to No. 117 West Twenty-third Street, remaining here until April, 1880, when it moved into the German Masonic Temple, No. 220 East Fifteenth Street.

In 1889 it again moved, this time into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, where it remained until September, 1909, when it moved to its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street June 8, 1870, the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880, the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, Grand Sword Bearer.

**MASTERS.**

1851. Edmund B. Hays.	1884. Joseph L. Michel.
1852. Edmund B. Hays.	1885. Joseph L. Michel.
1853. Andrew J. Fisher.	1886. Joseph L. Michel.
1854. Edmund B. Hays.	1887. Joseph L. Michel.
1860. Edmund B. Hays.	1888. Amos Corning.
1861. Edmund B. Hays.	1889. Amos Corning.
1862. Joseph J. Jennings.	1890. George Hall.
1863. Joseph J. Jennings.	1891. George Hall.
1864. Joseph J. Jennings.	1892. George Hall.
1865. Joseph J. Jennings.	1893. George Hall.
1866. Joseph J. Jennings.	1894. William J. McLaughlin.
1867. Charles H. Quail.	1895. William J. McLaughlin.
1868. Charles H. Quail.	1896. George Hall.
1869. Richard H. Whitehead.	1897. Samuel J. Whinn.
1870. Daniel W. Thomas.	1898. Samuel J. Whinn.
1871. Charles H. Quail.	1899. Samuel J. Whinn.
1872. Joseph M. Mills.	1900. Matthew Frame.
1873. John DeVries.	1901. George Hall.
1874. John DeVries.	1902. William J. McLaughlin.
1875. Joseph L. Michel.	1903. William J. McLaughlin.
1876. Joseph L. Michel.	1904. Michael E. Tausick.
1877. Joseph L. Michel.	1905. William J. McLaughlin.
1878. John Horris.	1906. Frederick J. Causbrook.
1879. John Horris.	1907. Frederick J. Causbrook.
1880. Joseph L. Michel.	1908. Jacob P. Guth.
1881. David Kelly.	1909. Jacob P. Guth.
1882. David Kelly.	1910. Jacob P. Guth.
1883. Joseph L. Michel.	1911. Henry C. Hansen.

**PHILIPSTOWN LODGE, NO. 236.****COLD SPRING, N. Y.**

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 4, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

There are no existing records of any preliminary meetings held for the purpose of organizing Philipstown Lodge. On May 21, 1851, a dispensation was issued by William H. Milnor, Grand Master, to the following petitioners for a Lodge at Cold Spring:

Peter B. Lawson.  
James Truman.  
Robert Wilson.  
Samuel Beck.  
Emiles Bonnard.  
George S. Gilbert.  
Benjamin Dykeman.

William Borone.  
Henry Holden.  
Andrew McElravy.  
Henry R. Purdy.  
Andon Bonnan.  
John Griffin.  
John M. Griffin.

The petition was recommended by Courtlandt Lodge, No. 189 (now No. 34), of Peekskill.

The officers named in the dispensation were:

**PETER B. LAWSON, Master.**  
**JAMES TRUMAN, Senior Warden.**  
**BENJAMIN DYKEMAN, Junior Warden.**

The Lodge was instituted on May 24, 1851, when these officers were installed together with the following:

HENRY HOLDEN, Treasurer.  
GEORGE S. GILBERT, Secretary.  
ROBERT WILSON, Senior Deacon.  
SAMUEL BECK, Junior Deacon.  
ROBERT MCCUTCHEON, Tiler.

A code of By-Laws was also adopted at this meeting.

The last meeting under dispensation was held August 30, 1851. On the thirteenth day of September following the Lodge was constituted and on September 19th the same officers who had served under dispensation were installed with the exception of the Secretary, Robert Wilson being installed in that office.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge was in a building erected in 1851 and known for a long time as the Masonic Hall. The corner-stone of this building was laid with Masonic ceremonies on June 24, 1851, and on May 24, 1852, the Lodge room was dedicated by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master. This building was located on West Street, and was occupied by the Lodge until the close of the year 1870, when it moved into its present quarters in the McCabe Building on the corner of Main and Rock streets. These quarters were dedicated on December 4, 1870, by M. W. JOHN H. ANTHON, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. JAMES W. HUSTED, Junior Grand Warden, and R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN, Grand Secretary.

A prized relic which adorns the walls of the Lodge room is a marble tablet with carved Masonic emblems upon its face, which was originally built into the front wall of the old Masonic Hall.

For several years after its establishment the Lodge celebrated St. John's Day, June 24. This annual affair was regarded as a great social event by the villagers who, with the members of the Lodge, participated in the festivities.

The Lodge was represented at the funeral obsequies of Brother Henry Clay in New York City, July 20, 1852; it also participated in the ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone of the monument at Tarrytown, N. Y., on July 4, 1853, erected in memory of John Paulding, David Williams and Isaac Van Wart, the captors of the unfortunate English officer, Major John André, in 1780.

An offshoot of the Lodge is West Point Lodge, No. 877, at Highland Falls, organized in 1910. The organization of this Lodge was brought about by the members of Philipstown Lodge living on the west side of the Hudson River, who, during the winter season found great difficulty in crossing the river to attend the meetings of the Lodge. Most of the charter members of the new Lodge were members of Philipstown Lodge, and when the new Lodge was constituted, June 30, 1910, a large delegation from Philipstown Lodge attended the ceremonies.

The birth of West Point Lodge is of historical interest as it illustrates the disadvantages of having the jurisdiction of one Lodge embracing territory upon each side of a river which for several months of the year is difficult to cross owing to floating ice, making navigation dangerous.

This unfortunate condition occasioned a long controversy, the creation



of the new Lodge being agitated for nearly thirty years, but finally an amicable division of territory was arranged, and the two Lodges are working harmoniously together.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Gouverneur Kemble, Congressman.  
William Wood, County Judge.  
J. Bennett Southard, County Judge.  
Jackson O. Dykeman, Supreme Court Justice.  
George McCabe, Assemblyman.  
William H. Ladue, Assemblyman.  
William E. Nelson, Sheriff.  
Leonard Jaycox, Sheriff.  
Elisha N. Rusk, District Attorney.

Henry J. Rusk, District Attorney.  
James H. Brooks, School Commissioner.  
George W. Flood, School Commissioner.  
James E. Bailey, Coroner.  
C. W. Smith, Coroner.  
Wright E. Perry, Supervisor.  
Seth Secor, Supervisor.  
L. W. Jaycox, Supervisor.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Peter B. Lawson, District Deputy Grand Master.

William Wood, District Deputy Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Peter B. Lawson.  
1852. Peter B. Lawson.  
1853. Peter B. Lawson.  
1854. Peter B. Lawson.  
1855. Andrew McIlravy.  
1856. Andrew McIlravy.  
1857. Andrew McIlravy.  
1858. Jackson O. Dykeman.  
1859. Peter B. Lawson.  
1860. Peter B. Lawson.  
1861. Peter B. Lawson.  
1862. Peter B. Lawson.  
1863. Peter B. Lawson.  
1864. Thomas D. Coe.  
1865. Peter B. Lawson.  
1866. Jackson O. Dykeman.  
1867. P. C. Barker.  
1868. Andrew McIlravy 2d.  
1869. Andrew McIlravy 2d.  
1870. Andrew McIlravy 2d.  
1871. Andrew McIlravy 2d.  
1872. William Wood.  
1873. William Wood.  
1874. Peter B. Lawson.  
1875. Reuben Cash.  
1876. Andrew McIlravy.  
1877. Andrew McIlravy.  
1878. Andrew McIlravy.  
1879. Ellis H. Timm.  
1880. Ellis H. Timm.  
1881. Ellis H. Timm.

1882. Ellis H. Timm.  
1883. Ellis H. Timm.  
1884. Ellis H. Timm.  
1885. Ellis H. Timm.  
1886. Ellis H. Timm.  
1887. William Wood.  
1888. William Wood.  
1889. William Wood.  
1890. William Wood.  
1891. James E. Bailey.  
1892. James E. Bailey.  
1893. James E. Bailey.  
1894. James E. Bailey.  
1895. James E. Bailey.  
1896. James E. Bailey.  
1897. Alexander Spalding.  
1898. Alexander Spalding.  
1899. James E. Bailey.  
1900. Otis Montrose.  
1901. Otis Montrose.  
1902. Hugh Smith.  
1903. Hugh Smith.  
1904. Irving P. McCoy.  
1905. John A. Holland.  
1906. John A. Holland.  
1907. Martin Adams.  
1908. Otis Montrose.  
1909. Claude Boorum.  
1910. James H. Patterson.  
1911. Leslie M. Stevenson.

## CHAMPLAIN LODGE, NO. 237.

## CHAMPLAIN, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 6, 1851.

The name and number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

The first recorded meeting for the purpose of organizing Champlain Lodge was held July 9, 1851. At this meeting a petition was prepared asking for a warrant, signed by the following:

Benjamin Tylee.	B. C. Webster.
Artemas Moses.	Michael Vandervort.
Nathaniel Nichols.	Isaac Stone.
Lemuel Clark.	Ed Springer.
R. R. Rood.	George Price.
Stephen Cole.	J. B. Fitch.
Ichabod Fitch.	Ephraim Ransom.
D. S. Holcomb.	Orrin Hough.
Daniel Newell.	J. Hungerford.
Julius C. Fitch.	Hiram Carter.
D. T. Taylor.	D. A. Collemen.

The petition nominated for officers:

D. S. HOLCOMB, Master.  
 ORRIN HOUGH, Senior Warden.  
 DANIEL NEWELL, Junior Warden.

It was recommended by Au Sable River Lodge, No. 149, and Clinton Lodge, No. 155.

At this meeting the following officers were elected:

D. S. HOLCOMB, Master.  
 ORRIN HOUGH, Senior Warden.  
 DANIEL NEWELL, Junior Warden.  
 EPHRAIM RANSOM, Treasurer.  
 J. HUNGERFORD, Secretary.  
 A. J. WOODWORTH, Senior Deacon.  
 JULIUS FITCH, Junior Deacon.  
 HIRAM CARTER, Tiler.

The warrant was received at a meeting held October 5th, and on November 5th the Lodge was constituted and the officers elected on July 9th were installed.

The Lodge has had an unbroken existence since its organization. It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

## MASTERS.

1851. D. S. Holcomb.	1858. George A. French.
1852. D. S. Holcomb.	1859. Samuel M. Moore.
1853. D. S. Holcomb.	1860. D. S. Holcomb.
1854. D. S. Holcomb.	1861. Charles E. Everest.
1855. D. S. Holcomb.	1862. Samuel M. Moore.
1856. D. S. Holcomb.	1863. Charles E. Everest.
1857. Hiram Carter.	1864. Charles E. Everest.

1865. Charles E. Everest.	1889. Benjamin F. Woodward.
1866. Charles E. Everest.	1890. Benjamin F. Woodward.
1867. Charles E. Everest.	1891. Ransom W. Graves.
1868. Charles E. Everest.	1892. Albertus B. Angell.
1869. Charles E. Everest.	1893. Amasa B. Spilman.
1870. Charles E. Everest.	1894. Amasa B. Spilman.
1871. John R. Lafountain.	1895. W. George Graves.
1872. Emerson I. Lord.	1896. Ransom W. Graves.
1873. Emerson I. Lord.	1897. Ransom W. Graves.
1874. Emerson I. Lord.	1898. John T. Stewart.
1875. Pliny F. Dunning.	1899. W. George Graves.
1876. Emerson I. Lord.	1900. Charles H. Eaton.
1877. George C. Kaufman.	1901. Charles L. Stone.
1878. George C. Kaufman.	1902. Myron D. Briggs.
1879. Emerson I. Lord.	1903. Bertrand F. Paine.
1880. Emerson I. Lord.	1904. Harry L. Weegar.
1881. Charles E. Everest.	1905. A. H. Sriver.
1882. Charles E. Everest.	1906. A. H. Sriver.
1883. Charles E. Everest.	1907. Clarence M. Graves.
1884. John C. Biglow.	1908. Clarence M. Graves.
1885. Emerson I. Lord.	1909. Clarence M. Graves.
1886. Thomas B. Dickenson.	1910. Foster M. Strickland.
1887. Emerson I. Lord.	1911. Foster M. Strickland.
1888. Bartlett Nye.	

## ORIENT LODGE, NO. 238.

### COPENHAGEN, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 6, 1851.

The name has never been changed; its predecessor was No. 150.

**MINUTES:** Intact. The Lodge also has possession of the minutes of Orient Lodge, No. 150, from its organization to December 9, 1829.

Orient Lodge, No. 150, was organized at Harrisburg, N. Y., in 1806. The first recorded meeting was held on October 21, 1806, at the home of Freedom Wright by authority of a dispensation issued by M. W. DEWITT CLINTON. The following were officers:

AUGUSTUS SACKET, Master.  
 SOLOMON KING, Senior Warden.  
 CHILLUS DOTY, Junior Warden.  
 FREEDOM WRIGHT, Treasurer.  
 IRA SMITH, Secretary.  
 LEWIS GRAVES, Senior Deacon.  
 CHARLES WRIGHT, Junior Deacon.

At this meeting the Lodge was instituted and the following officers installed:

JONATHAN BARKER, Master.  
 SUTTON FAIRCHILD, Senior Warden.  
 BENJAMIN VAN VLECK, Junior Warden.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held December 3, 1806, several petitions for warrants were read and granted, among them was: "To a number of Brethren to hold a Lodge at Harrisburg, County of Lewis, in

this State, to be called Orient Lodge, recommended by Ontario Lodge, Sacketts Harbor."

On the same day a warrant was issued, the first three officers being the same as nominated in the dispensation.

The first election for officers was held December 24, 1806, which resulted as follows:

\* JONATHAN BARKER, Master.  
SOLOMON KING, Senior Warden.  
WILLIAM MARTIN, Junior Warden.  
ANDREW MILLS, Treasurer.  
BENJAMIN FITCH, Secretary.  
CHARLES WRIGHT, Senior Deacon.  
TYRAMUS A. WRIGHT, Steward.  
NATHAN MUNGER, Steward.  
SUTTON FAIRCHILD, Tiler.

The first By-Laws adopted by the Lodge contain some curious provisions. The time of meeting, according to Section 1, reads: "The same shall be opened every Wednesday preceding the full moon, in every month at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, and be closed at nine o'clock in the evening."

Section 6 contains the following:

"And it is further ordained that each and every member shall pay to the funds of the Lodge, twelve and one-half cents each and every regular Lodge night, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to collect the dues every evening from the members present, and no member shall omit paying his dues for a longer time than three regular Lodge nights under the penalty of One Dollar fine and a reprimand from the Chair, and the Secretary shall exact from each visiting Brother, twelve and one-half cents for each Lodge he shall attend after the first."

The fees for degrees were fourteen dollars, the candidate to pay when initiated, "three, four or five Dollars according to his ability." This arrangement continued until January 20, 1817, when the By-Laws were amended requiring the candidate to pay the full fee when initiated.

When first organized meetings were held at the homes of some of the members.

This practice was continued until the early part of 1825, when rooms were secured on the third story of the Blodgett Tavern and fitted for the use of the Lodge. These quarters were dedicated March 3, 1825, and occupied by the Lodge until it ceased to work. The last recorded meeting was held December 9, 1829.

An old sketch of the Lodge states that during the excitement occasioned by the Morgan Episode an attempt was made to prevent the Lodge from meeting; the sketch says: "A crowd was collected for the purpose of breaking up the meeting, they gathered about the door declaring that the Lodge should not convene, when Tiler Sherwood astonished the howling fanatics, appearing before them armed with the proper implements and exclaiming, 'The Worshipful Master orders that Orient Lodge be opened, and by the Eternal Orient Lodge shall open if all H—l stands before it,' and the efforts of the intrepid Tiler were successful, the crowd dispersed and the meeting was held." In all probability it was the violence of these persecutions which finally compelled the Lodge to

extinguish its lights and close its doors. No effort appears to have been made to revive the Lodge or to organize its successor until the spring of 1851.

Ashley Davenport, who was Master of the old Lodge in 1820-21, together with Morris Hartwell, Solomon Shultz and George Dickinson, all former members of the Lodge, were active in the revival of Masonry in the village of Denmark. The first recorded meeting was held April 21, 1851, when a committee was appointed to prepare a code of by-laws. Two applications for membership were also received.

On September 6, 1851, a warrant was issued which named as officers :

ASHLEY DAVENPORT, Master.  
SETH MERRELL, Senior Warden.  
ISAAC P. POWERS, Junior Warden.

The records of the Lodge dated September 27, 1851, contain the following :

"Orient Lodge opened on the third Degree of Masonry, Bro. Ira Chase, Esq., in the chair. Minutes of the Lodge examined and accepted. Charter read by the Secretary. Orient Lodge, No. 238, consecrated and the officers installed in form according to ancient usages by Brother Eli West, Esquire."

At the same meeting one candidate was initiated and passed and two candidates were raised.

Ashley Davenport, the first Master of Orient Lodge, No. 238, was Master of the old Lodge in 1820-21. He was made a Mason in Orient Lodge in March, 1816, and continued an active member until his death, February 11, 1874.

The first officers elected under the warrant were :

SETH MERRELL, Master.  
ISAAC P. POWERS, Senior Warden.  
SAMUEL WADSWORTH, Junior Warden.  
MORRIS HARTWELL, Treasurer.  
MARTIN DUNHAM, Secretary.  
LEWIS CONLEY, Senior Deacon.  
STEPHEN DUNHAM, Junior Deacon.  
JOHN ROWSON, }  
PETER BENT, } Stewards.  
J. LEWIS MERRELL, Tiler.

The Lodge remained at Denmark until May, 1857, when it moved to Copenhagen for a period of six months, returning to Denmark in the fall. In the following year the Lodge removed again to Copenhagen.

The first meeting place in Copenhagen was in the Angle and Raymond block, where it remained until 1871, when it moved to the Merri-man block, remaining here until 1891, when it moved into its present quarters in the Austin block.

The Lodge has in its possession some of the officers' jewels of its predecessors.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

## MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Ashley Davenport, State Senator.	Lewis Graves, Assemblyman.
Nathaniel Merrell, State Senator, Iowa.	George S. Curtis, Sheriff.
Charles A. Chickering, Congress- man.	George S. Hubbard, Sheriff.
J. Duane Parish, County Treas- urer.	W. Grant Clark, School Commis- sioner.
Darwin Nash, County Treasurer.	Lewis A. Twining, School Com- missioner.
C. Frank Smith, Sheriff.	Harry J. Henry, School Commis- sioner.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

JAMES H. TAMBLIN, District Deputy Grand Master.

## MASTERS OF No. 150.

1807. Jonathan Barker.	1819. Samuel Clark, Jr.
1808. Jonathan Barker.	1820. Ashley Davenport.
1809. Sueton Fairchild.	1821. Ashley Davenport.
1810. John Canfield.	1822. Absalom Sylvester.
1811. Jonathan Barker.	1823. Lewis Graves.
1812. William Darbyshire.	1824. C. H. Morrison, Jr.
1813. John Canfield.	1825. J. S. Cary.
1814. Eleazer S. Sylvester.	1826. J. S. Cary.
1815. Chadwick Chase.	1827. Ephraim Hunt.
1816. Chadwick Chase.	1828. Ephraim Hunt.
1817. Chadwick Chase.	1829. R. H. McComber.
1818. Chadwick Chase.	1830. R. H. McComber.

## MASTERS OF No. 238.

1851. Ashley Davenport.	1882. Sanford E. Stanton.
1852. Ashley Davenport.	1883. Sanford E. Stanton.
1853. Seth Merrell.	1884. James S. Mitchell.
1854. Isaac F. Powers.	1885. Judd F. Hadcock.
1855. A. F. Foot.	1886. William D. Jones.
1856. A. F. Foot.	1887. William D. Jones.
1857. Ashley Davenport.	1888. William D. Jones.
1858. J. Lewis Merrell.	1889. William D. Jones.
1859. J. Lewis Merrell.	1890. C. Frank Smith.
1860. G. A. Scoville.	1891. J. Edward Boyd.
1861. William M. Nichols.	1892. John B. Austin.
1862. J. Lewis Merrell.	1893. John B. Austin.
1863. Peter Bent, Jr.	1894. James H. Tamblin.
1864. Peter Bent, Jr.	1895. Henry E. Chickering.
1865. John C. Wright.	1896. Henry E. Chickering.
1866. E. D. Babcock.	1897. William H. Cramer.
1867. E. D. Babcock.	1898. William H. Cramer.
1868. E. D. Babcock.	1899. James H. Tamblin.
1869. E. D. Babcock.	1900. Henry E. Chickering.
1870. John C. Wright.	1901. Herman A. Roberts.
1871. James S. Mitchell.	1902. Herman A. Roberts.
1872. James S. Mitchell.	1903. Truman D. Chickering.
1873. Lewis F. Weaver.	1904. Truman D. Chickering.
1874. Charles A. Chickering.	1905. Truman D. Chickering.
1875. Charles A. Chickering.	1906. Leon J. Fowler.
1876. Charles A. Chickering.	1907. Leon J. Fowler.
1877. Lewis F. Weaver.	1908. Fred S. Chickering.
1878. Lewis F. Weaver.	1909. Harry J. Henry.
1879. James S. Mitchell.	1910. Truman D. Chickering.
1880. James S. Mitchell.	1911. Warren C. Brown.
1881. Nelson T. Outwater.	

## CATTARAUGUS LODGE, NO. 239.

## SALAMANCA, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 7, 1888. The original warrant was dated June 12, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Not intact.

The early life of Cattaraugus Lodge is but a tradition, as all records, minutes and property of the Lodge were destroyed by fire on February 29, 1888.

A history of Cattaraugus County published in 1879 contains the following relating to the Lodge:

"Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, F. and A. M., was instituted at Little Valley, N. Y., under a dispensation granted in 1850 to Benjamin Chamberlain, Stanley N. Clark, Samuel Barrows, Solomon S. Childs, Gaines Wheaton, Luther Peabody, Israel Day, Moses Beecher, Smith Finch and Ira Gaylord.

"The officers named in the warrant were:

**IRA GAYLORD, Master.**

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN, Senior Warden.**

**LUTHER PEABODY, Junior Warden.**

"The Lodge was organized and was located at Little Valley, N. Y., a village about nine miles west of Salamanca, and remained there until June, 1874.

"On April 8, 1874, M. W. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, who at the time was Grand Master, gave his consent to remove the Lodge from Little Valley to Salamanca, and on June 5, 1874, the Grand Lodge approved of his action."

The first meeting place in Salamanca was on the second floor of the Erie Machine Shop, where it remained until 1879, when it moved to the corner of Main and Atlantic streets. The next place of meeting was in the Opera House on River Street, where it remained until February 29, 1888, when this building was destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing all of its property including its warrant. It afterward secured quarters on the third floor of A. V. Newton's building on Main Street, remaining there until 1892, when it moved to the corner of Main and Maple streets, remaining here until October 11, 1904, when it moved into its present quarters in the Masonic Temple.

The corner-stone of this building was laid by M. W. FRANK H. ROBINSON, Grand Master, June 11, 1904, and was dedicated by R. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, Deputy Grand Master, September 16, 1905.

The Temple is owned jointly by Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Salamanca Chapter, No. 266, and Salamanca Commandery, No. 62.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held June 7, 1888, the warrant now in possession of the Lodge was ordered issued, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891. It also assisted in the ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone of the First Baptist Church at Salamanca, October 4, 1901.

## MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Edward B. Vreeland, Congress-      Carey D. Davie, Surrogate.  
man.      George W. Cole, District Attor-  
Albert T. Fancher, State Senator.      ney  
James S. Whipple, Assemblyman.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

WILLIAM H. HAZARD, District Deputy Grand Master.

## MASTERS.

1851. Ira Gaylord.	1882. Hudson Ansley.
1852. Ira Gaylord.	1883. John J. O'Donnell.
1853. Henry C. Gaylord.	1884. Hudson Ansley.
1854. F. Duane Petry.	1885. Hudson Ansley.
1855. John Manley.	1886. Hudson Ansley.
1856. John W. Hillibrant.	1887. Park Stevens.
1857. Leonard Salisbury.	1888. Park Stevens.
1858. Daniel Bucklin.	1889. William M. Farquharson.
1859. Charles M. G. Chase.	1890. Charles M. Hamilton.
1860. John Manley.	1891. Charles M. Hamilton.
1861. Leonard Salisbury.	1892. Charles M. Hamilton.
1862. Daniel Bucklin.	1893. George B. Abbott.
1863. Leonard Salisbury.	1894. George B. Abbott.
1864. Leonard Salisbury.	1895. Edward F. Norton.
1865. D. M. Brooks.	1896. Edward F. Norton.
1866. John B. Shaw.	1897. Charles H. Towsey.
1867. Dyer P. Henderson.	1898. Charles H. Towsey.
1868. Dyer P. Henderson.	1899. Gilbert M. Hevenor.
1869. Stephen C. Green.	1900. Gilbert M. Hevenor.
1870. Leonard Salisbury.	1901. Thomas A. Heller.
1871. Henry O. Robinson.	1902. William H. Hazard.
1872. Henry O. Robinson.	1903. William H. Hazard.
1873. Henry O. Robinson.	1904. Fred C. Beals.
1874. Henry O. Robinson.	1905. Fred C. Beals.
1875. Hudson Ansley.	1906. John Hoag.
1876. Hudson Ansley.	1907. John Hoag.
1877. Frank Elliott.	1908. Robert N. Forbes.
1878. Hudson Ansley.	1909. Robert N. Forbes.
1879. Hudson Ansley.	1910. Lyman J. Cheney.
1880. Frank B. Mills.	1911. Lyman J. Cheney.
1881. Albert J. Reid.	

## WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 240.

## BUFFALO, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge was issued June 7, 1883, but bears the same date as the original warrant issued December 11, 1851, which was destroyed by fire December 21, 1882.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Not intact, the records from March 9, 1882, to January 13, 1887, were damaged by fire.

Washington Lodge was organized during the autumn of 1851; a



number of informal meetings were held and finally a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation which was signed by the following:

Lyman Brown.  
Harlow Palmer.  
Michael Pinner  
Ashley Ball.  
Miles Jones.  
Abram S. Swartz.  
Oliver B. Evans.

Daniel H. Wiswell.  
Hiram H. Reynolds.  
Horatio Warren.  
Charles D. Delaney.  
James M. Punderson.  
Eli Williamson.  
Gordon Bailey.

George W. Clinton.

The petition met with favor, and in October a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held October 28th with the following officers:

LYMAN BROWN, Master.  
HARLOW PALMER, Senior Warden.  
JAMES M. PUNDERSON, Junior Warden.  
MILES JONES, Treasurer.  
HIRAM H. REYNOLDS, Secretary.  
MICHAEL PINNER, Senior Deacon.  
GORDON BAILEY, Junior Deacon.  
CHARLES D. DELANEY, }  
DANIEL H. WISWELL, } Stewards.  
ABRAM S. SWARTZ, Master of Ceremonies.  
DANIEL KINNEY, Tiler.

At this meeting By-Laws were adopted, three petitions for initiation were received, and a committee was appointed to secure a place of meeting in the "upper" part of the city.

The first work done by the Lodge was on November 25th, when Horatio Seymour, Jr., and William A. Sutton were initiated and passed.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held December 2, 1851, a warrant was ordered, and on the 11th instant it was issued.

The officers named in the warrant were:

LYMAN BROWN, Master.  
HARLOW PALMER, Senior Warden.  
JAMES M. PUNDERSON, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the warrant was held January 1, 1852, when the Lodge was constituted and the same officers installed that had served while working under dispensation.

The first meeting place was in the rooms of Hiram Lodge, No. 105, corner of Washington and Exchange streets, where it remained until June, 1852, when it moved to No. 330 (old number) Main Street. In April, 1853, it moved to Nos. 326-328 (now Nos. 416-418) Main Street; these quarters were destroyed by fire January 25, 1865, and for a short time it had quarters on the corner of Main and Swan streets; in December, 1865, it moved into a new building which had been erected on the site of the one destroyed by fire. From 1869 to 1876 it met on the southwest corner of Main and Swan streets. In July, 1876, it moved to the Miller and Grainer Hall corner of Washington and North Division streets. This building was partially destroyed by fire on December 21, 1882, and for the second time the Lodge suffered by fire, this time

losing its warrant. While its quarters were being restored it held meetings in the rooms of the Lodge of Ancient Landmarks, No. 441, on the corner of Main and Court streets. In September, 1883, it returned to its former quarters.

On March 15, 1887, this building was totally destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing all of its property. Subsequent quarters were secured in the Austin building on the corner of Franklin and Eagle streets. These disasters fanned into active life a movement having for its object the erection of a Masonic Temple where all of the Masonic bodies could secure safe and comfortable quarters. The Masonic Hall Association was organized in 1875, and in September, 1888, the property known as Nos. 41-43 and 45 Niagara Street was purchased, and arrangements were soon entered into for the erection of the Temple. The Lodge took an active interest in this enterprise, contributing generously towards procuring funds for the purpose.

The corner-stone was laid July 26, 1890, by R. W. CHARLES F. BISHOP, District Deputy Grand Master. The first meeting of the Lodge in the Temple was held January 14, 1892, and it still has quarters in this building. The Temple was dedicated by M. W. CHRISTOPHER G. Fox, Past Grand Master, January 20, 1892.

The Lodge participated in both of these ceremonies, and was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the State Arsenal, May 5, 1858; corner-stone of Universalist Church, August 2, 1864; corner-stone of the Memorial Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, September 28, 1866; corner-stone of the State Normal School, Fredonia, N. Y., August 8, 1867; corner-stone of the State Normal School, Buffalo, April 15, 1869; corner-stone of the Firemen's Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, June 24, 1869; corner-stone of the Asbury M. E. Church, July 13, 1871; corner-stone of the City and County Hall, June 24, 1872; corner-stone of the State Hospital, September 18, 1872; corner-stone of the Soldiers' Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, October 21, 1880; corner-stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Lafayette Square, July 4, 1882; corner-stone of the 74th Regiment Armory, corner of Virginia Street and Fremont Place, July 4, 1885; corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891; dedication of same, October 5, 1892; corner-stone of the U. S. Government Building, Buffalo, June 19, 1897; corner-stone of the 74th Regiment Armory, Niagara Street, July 4, 1898; corner-stone of the 65th Regiment Armory, May 30, 1903; corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, Lodge of Ancient Landmarks, No. 441, July 23, 1904; corner-stone of Unity Hall, July 1, 1905, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Y. W. C. A. Building at Hamilton, Ont.

A notable event in the history of the Lodge occurred on February 22, 1906, when it celebrated the birth of George Washington, in whose honor the Lodge was named. The principal feature of this occasion was an address on "Washington the Mason," by R. W. SYLVANUS J. QUINN, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Secretary of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 6. He also exhibited the Bible upon which Brother Washington was obligated as a Mason and a minute book of the Lodge containing the record of his initiation, passing and raising.

The valued mementoes were brought from Fredericksburg by authority of a special dispensation.

A close fraternal friendship exists between Washington Lodge and Doric Lodge, No. 316, A. F. and A. M., Toronto, Canada, and The Bartin Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, Canada. On September 28, 1882, the Lodge tendered a reception to Doric Lodge, which was accompanied by M.' W.' DANIEL SPRY, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M.' W.' J. K. KERR, Past Grand Master, R.' W.' J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Senior Grand Warden and others of the Grand Lodge of Canada. A return visit was made to Doric Lodge in the following year. Washington Lodge again visited Toronto, May 16, 1895, to attend the twenty-first anniversary of Doric Lodge.

On December 9, 1897, it was again visited by Doric Lodge accompanied by M.' W.' WILLIAM GIBSON, Grand Master of Canada, and other officers of that Grand Lodge.

At a meeting of the Lodge held May 22, 1879, the Master announced that the safe containing the old records of the Lodge had been placed in the vault of the City Hall by the Trustees of the Lodge. In course of time this action of the Trustees was forgotten, and when the fire of 1887 occurred it was supposed that all of the old records were destroyed, but in March, 1898, the daily papers of Buffalo referred to an old rusty safe which had been discovered in the basement of the City Hall, and no one could be found who knew whence it came or what it contained. After much speculation the safe was forced open and the contents disclosed, which proved to be the long lost minute books of Washington Lodge containing the records from its organization in 1851 up to 1872. The safe with its priceless contents was turned over to the Lodge and are now carefully preserved.

Several members of the Lodge have gained distinction in the Craft.

Charles W. Cushman, who was Master in 1890-91, was Senior Grand Deacon in 1891, District Deputy Grand Master in 1892, Grand Marshal in 1894. In 1895 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, serving four consecutive years in that office. In 1899-1900 he was Senior Grand Warden, and at a session of the Grand Lodge held May 8, 1901, he was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master, this being the first instance where such an honor had been conferred by the Grand Lodge. At the same time a like honor was conferred on M.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLEERS, Grand Secretary. Brother Cushman had just been re-elected Senior Grand Warden by acclamation, but owing to ill health declined the office. In doing so he said: "Brethren, under the circumstances I feel as though I could not consistently, with justice to myself, or with justice to this Grand Lodge, continue longer in office. . . . I feel, under these circumstances, that now is the proper time for me to retire. . . . Human life is crowded with opportunities for a Mason to show to the world that the brightest banner that casts a shadow among the living is the banner of Masonry . . . when we come to lie down with the millions of those who have lived and labored and died in the life and light of Masonic truth, our living or our dying will give emphasis to the words of our ancient Brethren who said, 'May we so live that, when we come to die, we may lie down in our graves as one possessed in sleep, to be found worthy of being remembered in the memory of men.' . . . Man lives for a moment and casts his shadow of greatness among the living, and then comes the great hereafter; and so it is with our lives. As Masons we should be honorable, straightforward,

and true one to another. Brethren, may the sweetest and the brightest sunshine of life continue to be yours."

He died at his home in Buffalo, August 19, 1903.

Another distinguished member is R. W. THOMAS PENNEY, who was Master in 1903. He was appointed Commissioner of Appeals in 1904 for three years. In 1907 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, re-elected in 1908 and again in 1909. On May 4, 1910, he was elected Senior Grand Warden.

A number of the members have been appointed

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

John B. Manning, District Deputy Grand Master.	J. William Prouse, Custodian of the Work.
John C. Graves, Commissioner of Appeals.	Elias Haffa, District Deputy Grand Master.
Charles R. FitzGerald, Junior Grand Deacon.	George H. Chase, Junior Grand Deacon.
Frank B. Hannis, Grand Sword Bearer.	Charles F. Adams, District Dep- uty Grand Master.
William S. Riselay, Commissioner of Appeals.	

#### MASTERS.

1851. Lyman Brown.	1882. Charles R. Fitz-Gerald.
1852. Lyman Brown.	1883. Charles R. Fitz-Gerald.
1853. Horatio Warren.	1884. Frank T. Gilbert.
1854. Gordon Bailey.	1885. Frank T. Gilbert.
1855. Everard Palmer.	1886. Warren F. Chandler.
1856. Michael Pinner.	1887. Warren F. Chandler.
1857. Andrew Houliston.	1888. Frank B. Hannis.
1858. William Fleming.	1889. Frank B. Hannis.
1859. Michael Pinner.	1890. Charles W. Cushman.
1860. Michael Pinner.	1891. Charles W. Cushman.
1861. Michael Pinner.	1892. Frank B. Hower.
1862. Michael Pinner.	1893. Frank B. Hower.
1863. Michael Pinner.	1894. William S. Riselay.
1864. Michael Pinner.	1895. William S. Riselay.
1865. Samuel O. Bigelow.	1896. Perry C. Reyburn.
1866. A. E. Williams.	1897. J. William Prouse.
1867. John B. Manning.	1898. J. William Prouse.
1868. John B. Manning.	1899. Elias Haffa.
1869. Isaac O. Crissy.	1900. Elias Haffa.
1870. Isaac O. Crissy.	1901. Charles S. Butler.
1871. Cassius C. Candee.	1902. Charles S. Butler.
1872. Cassius C. Candee.	1903. Thomas Penney.
1873. William B. Flint.	1904. William H. Lyons.
1874. William B. Flint.	1905. Robert L. Cox.
1875. Henry B. McCulloch.	1906. George H. Chase.
1876. Henry B. McCulloch.	1907. George H. Chase.
1877. Ralph Johnson.	1908. Charles A. Bonney.
1878. John C. Graves.	1909. Charles F. Adams.
1879. John C. Graves.	1910. William F. Elmendorf.
1880. John B. Greene.	1911. Alonzo G. Hinkley.
1881. Joseph E. Ball.	

## CONSTITUTION LODGE, NO. 241.

## NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated December 24, 1851.

**Name and number:** the first name was Oscar Coles, the number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Oscar Coles Lodge was organized during the winter of 1851. The petition for a warrant was signed by the following:

Alfred F. Thorn.  
John H. Black.  
Nelson Edwards.  
William Robinson.

Cornelius W. Brush.  
Caleb Grant.  
Amasa Conklin.  
Benjamin Beyer.

The petition was recommended by LaFayette Lodge, No. 64, at a meeting held December 1, 1851.

The petition met with prompt and favorable action, a warrant being issued December 24th, and on the same date the Lodge was constituted by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, who also installed the following officers:

ALFRED F. THORN, Master.  
CORNELIUS W. BRUSH, Senior Warden.  
JOHN H. BLACK, Junior Warden.  
SAMUEL AULD, Treasurer.  
ROBERT MCCOY, Secretary.  
BENJAMIN BEYER, Senior Deacon.  
GEORGE H. ANDERSON, Junior Deacon.

At this meeting a code of By-Laws was adopted and ten applications for degrees were received:

The charter members were:

Alfred F. Thorn.  
John H. Black.  
Benjamin Beyer.  
William Robertson.  
Amasa Conklin.  
Cornelius W. Brush.  
Samuel Auld.  
George H. Anderson.  
Peter Van Pelt.

William Van Cleaf.  
James Robinson.  
Alexander Cochrane.  
Isaac Vanderbilt.  
Robert McCoy.  
Caleb Grant.  
Nelson Edwards.  
W. B. Tompkins.  
Robert Parker.

In the spring of 1866 a movement was begun which resulted in changing the name to Constitution.

On April 10, 1866, a committee was appointed to consider the subject and present a new name for the Lodge. On May 8th the committee reported that several names had been suggested, and recommended that a name be selected by ballot, which was done with the following result: for Standard, sixteen votes; for Veritas, eleven votes; for Justice, eight votes. A second ballot was taken and Veritas was selected, whereupon a committee was appointed to present a petition to the Grand Lodge to change the name to Veritas, but at the next meeting, held May 22d, this

committee reported: "That they deemed it inexpedient to change the name of the Lodge at the present time," and the matter was temporarily dropped. On March 12, 1867, another committee was appointed to select a new name for the Lodge, and on April 9th the committee reported in favor of changing the name to "Constitution." The report was adopted, and on April 23d it was "Resolved, that the Master and Wardens be and are hereby empowered to petition the Grand Lodge to change the name of this Lodge from Oscar Coles, No. 241, to Constitution, No. 241."

This petition was duly presented to the Grand Lodge, and at a session held June 8, 1867, permission to change the name was given.

The first meeting place was at the corner of Broome and Crosby streets, where it remained until February, 1858, when it moved to Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining here until January, 1866, when it moved to No. 594 Broadway, where it remained until April, 1869, when it moved into Booth's Theatre building, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. In May, 1874, it moved into the Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, where it remained until September, 1909, when it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

The Lodge has generously contributed toward the relief of sufferers by fire, fever and earthquakes; it also contributed nearly \$5,000 toward the erection of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street and the Home at Utica, N. Y.

A sketch of Constitution Lodge would be incomplete without due reference to one of its most active members, W. ALBERT MAXFIELD, who was Master in 1878 and its Secretary from 1889 to 1908 inclusive, twenty years of continuous and faithful service. He is not only a loyal and devoted Mason, but he has shown by long service in defence of "Old Glory" that he is also a patriotic American. He enlisted in the 11th Maine Infantry in February, 1862, and two years later re-enlisted in the same regiment, and continued in the service until February 2, 1866, when he was honorably mustered out at City Point, Va.

He was wounded once and was once a prisoner of war; he gained promotion through gallantry on the field of battle, and for a time was in command of the regiment. He was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Constitution Lodge has been fortunate in having among its adherents a number of patriots who, when the Union was endangered, rallied around the "Old Flag." The following is the

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

August F. Claussen.  
W. Albert Maxfield.  
W. Charles Powers.  
W. Charles A. Schouten.  
R. W. George W. Wyckoff.  
John Jackson.

Edward Brown.  
Marcus M. Lewis.  
Julius C. Saxe.  
J. S. Williams.  
Horace C. Hart.  
Abraham Phillips.

W. Alexander J. Reid.  
 Jason H. Wells.  
 W. Michel C. Yaeger.  
 W. William H. Devins.

Francis Herrman.  
 Eugene F. Roberts.  
 Charles K. Sparks.  
 W. William Townsend.  
 George P. Williams.

W. GEORGE W. WALGROVE, who was Master from 1854 to 1859 inclusive, was at one time Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of New York.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. WYCKOFF, Grand Standard Bearer.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Alfred F. Thorn.	1882. Cornelius D. Disoway.
1853. Cornelius W. Brush.	1883. Alexander J. Reid.
1854. George W. Walgrove.	1884. William Townsend.
1855. George W. Walgrove.	1885. William Townsend.
1856. George W. Walgrove.	1886. Cornelius D. Disoway.
1857. George W. Walgrove.	1887. A. Edward Taylor.
1858. George W. Walgrove.	1888. James M. Simpson.
1859. George W. Walgrove.	1889. John H. Cornell.
1860. James H. Bunting.	1890. Henry C. Baker.
1861. James H. Bunting.	1891. James S. Henderson.
1862. James H. Bunting.	1892. James S. Henderson.
1863. James H. Bunting.	1893. Harvey Garrison.
1864. James H. Bunting.	1894. Warren H. Erb.
1865. James H. Bunting.	1895. Harry A. Smith.
1866. William H. Devins.	1896. George Morgan Lewis.
1867. William H. Devins.	1897. George Morgan Lewis.
1868. William H. Devins.	1898. Charles Powers.
1869. William H. Devins.	1899. Charles D. Atkinson.
1870. George W. Wyckoff.	1900. John E. Dudley.
1871. George W. Wyckoff.	1901. Michael W. Divine.
1872. George W. Wyckoff.	1902. Hudson B. Britton.
1873. George W. Wyckoff.	1903. Andrew Holzman.
1874. Charles A. Schouten.	1904. Joseph O. Young.
1875. Charles A. Schouten.	1906. William K. Burns.
1876. William H. Devins.	1907. D. Curry Armstrong.
1877. Michael C. Yaeger.	1908. William E. Springsteel.
1878. Albert Maxfield.	1909. Arthur M. Putnam.
1879. A. Edward Taylor.	1910. Thomas W. B. Lemmey.
1880. A. Edward Taylor.	1911. J. Edward Harris.
1881. Cornelius D. Disoway.	

#### EUREKA LODGE, NO. 243.

#### NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated December 26, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact.

The officers named in the warrant are:

WILLIAM H. UNDERHILL, Master.  
 THOMAS J. HARRIS, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES D. POTTER, Junior Warden.

The engrossed petition applying for a warrant for Eureka Lodge on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is signed by the following:

William H. Underhill.  
James D. Potter.  
Horace B. Pike.  
John P. Cryder.  
Samuel Reynolds.

Thomas J. Harris.  
Thomas Lawson.  
Lorenzo Lewis.  
Edward P. Fox.  
A. R. Gillmour.

It was recommended by Holland Lodge, No. 8, December 22, 1851, and on the same day the petition was read at a special session of the Grand Lodge and a warrant was granted.

There are no existing records to show how the organization of the Lodge came about or where it was organized. Meetings were undoubtedly held for the purpose of naming the Lodge and selecting officers; it, however, never received a dispensation, and the first recorded meeting was held December 26, 1851, immediately after the warrant was issued. At that time the Lodge was constituted and its officers installed.

The charter members were:

William H. Underhill.  
Thomas J. Harris.  
James D. Potter.  
James A. Demarest.  
Thomas Lawson.  
Lorenzo Lewis.  
John F. Rodman.  
Alexander M. C. Smith.  
John S. Tarrant.

Addison R. Gillmour.  
Jesse Brown.  
Edward P. Fox.  
Horace B. Pike.  
Samuel Reynolds.  
James L. Haugh.  
Samuel H. Hutchings.  
Henry C. King.  
Samuel L. Coe.

William L. Todd.

The early life of the Lodge is somewhat clouded, owing to the absence of proper and reliable records. The first work done by the Lodge was on January 5, 1852; at this meeting N. A. M. Dudley, of California, was passed and raised, and on January 12, George B. Hall was initiated, passed and raised.

Under the existing regulations governing the degree work in Lodges this action of the Lodge appears strange, but at that time Grand Masters were permitted to issue dispensations for all sorts of things, and it was a common thing for Lodges to receive dispensation to confer two or more degrees at the same communication, and instances are known where candidates were taken from one Lodge to another for the purpose of advancement.

The Lodge grew rapidly, and success has generally attended it, but like all Lodges it has had its periods of depression as well as seasons of prosperity.

Its charitable bequests have been generous at all times; when the erection of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street was begun it took an active interest in this work, contributing in many ways toward securing the funds required for its erection.

The Lodge has changed its meeting place several times. In 1863 it had quarters at No. 594 Broadway, where it remained until this building was destroyed by fire, when it moved to the corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining there until the completion of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street in 1874, where it remained until September, 1909, when it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.



The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

George W. Dilks, Inspector of Police.	Henry von Minden, Alderman.
	Lorenz Zeller, Judge, Court of Special Sessions.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

James McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master.	James R. Heath, Junior Grand Deacon.
Henry von Minden, Grand Representative.	Lorenz Zeller, Commissioner of Appeals.

#### MASTERS.

1851. William H. Underhill.	1882. James McGregor.
1852. William H. Underhill.	1883. James McGregor.
1853. William H. Underhill.	1884. Patrick H. Melley.
1854. William H. Underhill.	1885. George Baker.
1855. William H. Underhill.	1886. George Baker.
1856. William H. Underhill.	1887. George Baker.
1857. Nicholas J. Pierson.	1888. Charles B. Sellers.
1858. Nicholas J. Pierson.	1889. George W. Hallock.
1859. John Carleton.	1890. Patrick H. Melley.
1860. John Carleton.	1891. Owen W. Gross.
1861. John Carleton.	1892. Henry C. Thompson.
1862. John Carleton.	1893. Charles C. Bigelow.
1863. George W. Dilks.	1894. Charles C. Bigelow.
1864. George W. Dilks.	1895. Henry von Minden.
1865. George W. Dilks.	1896. Henry von Minden.
1866. George W. Dilks.	1897. Joseph Odell.
1867. James McGregor.	1898. Adolph E. Bosse.
1868. Charles R. Parker.	1899. Frederick Schaefer.
1869. George F. Alexander.	1900. Lorenz Zeller.
1870. George F. Horne.	1901. Henry von Minden.
1871. John Carleton.	1902. Philip H. Eichler.
1872. George W. Dilks.	1903. John W. Seymour.
1873. George W. Dilks.	1904. James R. Heath.
1874. James Hostin.	1905. Edward J. Flack.
1875. James Hostin.	1906. C. Victor von Unrich.
1876. Charles Birch.	1907. William Koehler.
1877. George F. Ackerson.	1908. Alfred A. Rhodes.
1878. Joseph McNamara.	1909. Edward H. Costello.
1879. James McGregor.	1910. Edward F. Kilbane.
1880. James McGregor.	1911. William F. Russell.
1881. James McGregor.	

#### HOPE LODGE, NO. 244.

#### NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The original warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 3, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Hope Lodge was organized during the summer of 1851 by members of Templar Lodge, No. 203. On September 17, 1851, a petition was pre-

pared asking for a dispensation signed by the following, all of whom became charter members of the Lodge :

James Dennis.  
John Gordon.  
Alexander McKelvey.  
Samuel M. Husted.  
William McTaggart.  
James J. Cooper.

Seymour Hait.  
William McEntee.  
Samuel Yates.  
Albert P. Moriarty.  
Patrick Tracy.  
Thomas Arnold.

The petition was recommended by Piatt Lodge, No. 194, at a meeting held September 18, 1851.

The officers named in the petition were :

SAMUEL YATES, Master.  
JAMES DENNIS, Senior Warden.  
ALBERT P. MORIARTY, Junior Warden.

A dispensation was immediately issued, and at a meeting held at No. 149 West Sixteenth Street, September 30, 1851, the Lodge was duly instituted and at once began active work.

From its inception the Lodge prospered and grew in numbers, its affairs have been conducted upon broad and liberal lines, which has made it one of the foremost Lodges in the Metropolitan District.

The first code of By-Laws were adopted October 14, 1851.

The Lodge continued to work under the dispensation until the warrant was granted March 3, 1852.

The officers named in the warrant were :

SAMUEL YATES, Master.  
SAMUEL M. HUSTED, Senior Warden.  
ALBERT P. MORIARTY, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed March 9, 1852.

The seal in use by the Lodge was adopted May 4, 1852.

The Lodge has participated in many Masonic functions of a public character, among them being :

Obsequies of Henry Clay, July 20, 1852.

Centennial Anniversary of initiation of George Washington, November 4, 1852.

Laying corner-stone of Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870.

Laying corner-stone of Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880.

Laying corner-stone of Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

The first meeting place was at No. 149 West Sixteenth Street, where it remained until October, 1852, when it moved into the Bleeker Building, corner of Bleeker and Morton street, remaining here until May, 1854, when it moved to the northwest corner of Christopher and Hudson streets. The next place of meeting was on the corner of Broadway and Thirteenth Street, where it had quarters from May, 1864, until May, 1873, when it moved into the German Savings Bank Building, corner of Fourteenth Street and Fourth Avenue, remaining there until May, 1874, when it again moved, this time into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, where it had quarters until September, 1909, except for a

short time, from December, 1883, until May, 1884, it had temporary quarters in the Grand Opera House, corner of Twenty-third Street and Eighth Avenue. This move was caused by fire, which damaged its quarters in the Masonic Hall. In September it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

In its charitable bequests the Lodge has relieved sufferers by fire, floods, earthquakes and other calamities to an extent which has called forth favorable comment on many occasions. It also contributed generously toward the payment of the "Great Debt." Since its birth in 1851 its donations of a charitable character have exceeded \$60,000. In 1892 it furnished a room in the Home at Utica, N. Y.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John J. Gorman, Fire Commissioner, Police Magistrate, Sheriff.	Isaac Fromme, City Register.
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#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William D. Nichols, District Deputy Grand Master.	Samuel J. Campbell, Grand Steward.
John J. Gorman, Grand Treasurer.	Isaac Fromme, Grand Marshal.
John Little, District Deputy Grand Master.	Charles Shufeldt, Grand Representative.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Samuel Yates.	1882. James Lynch.
1852. Samuel Yates.	1883. George W. Waterbury.
1853. Samuel M. Husted.	1884. Samuel J. Campbell.
1854. Albert P. Moriarty.	1885. Samuel J. Campbell.
1855. Albert P. Moriarty.	1886. Samuel J. Campbell.
1856. Albert P. Moriarty.	1887. Alfred L. Ryer.
1857. William H. Housner.	1888. Isaac Fromme.
1858. John J. Gorman.	1889. John Little.
1859. John J. Gorman.	1890. John Little.
1860. John J. Gorman.	1891. Edward E. Van Saun.
1861. Willard C. Black.	1892. Thomas D. Blight.
1862. Willard C. Black.	1893. Thomas D. Blight.
1863. Willard C. Black.	1894. Henry H. Treher.
1864. Willard C. Black.	1895. Henry H. Treher.
1865. Isaac C. Dingman.	1896. Edward F. Halliday.
1866. James M. Hubbs.	1897. William A. Wallace.
1867. James M. Hubbs.	1898. Daniel W. Little.
1868. Henry W. Morris.	1899. William F. Smith.
1869. Willard C. Black.	1900. Nelson W. Young.
1870. William A. Auten.	1901. Herbert M. Tompkins.
1871. William A. Auten.	1902. Herbert M. Tompkins.
1872. Richard M. Sheriden.	1903. Eugene D. Miller.
1873. George E. Fisher.	1904. Herman Fromme.
1874. Edwin D. Lackey	1905. William S. Retheliser.
1875. Willard C. Black.	1906. F. J. Hendrickson.
1876. Washington Alexander.	1907. Albert H. Baer.
1877. Curtis T. Hubbs.	1908. Charles Shufeldt.
1878. Edward T. T. Marsh.	1909. Charles Kanaly.
1879. William D. Nichols.	1910. John Bischoff.
1880. William D. Nichols.	1911. Thomas E. Hill.
1881. Bloomfield Usher, Jr.	

## POLAR STAR LODGE, NO. 245.

## NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant issued to the Lodge was dated March 4, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

Polar Star Lodge was organized during the summer of 1851, the first recorded meeting for organization was held at No. 101 Avenue D, on August 11. At this meeting a petition was prepared and signed by the following:

Alexander B. Summers.  
Nehemiah Peck.  
William Cummings.  
Henry H. Watts.  
John H. Smith.  
William K. Tattersall.  
Thomas N. Mix.  
John P. Phillips.  
Nathan Rossman.  
Joseph W. Little.  
Thomas Lawler.  
Benjamin Foster.

Albert C. Graves.  
John B. Prote.  
George W. Edwards.  
Daniel Phelan.  
James Timson.  
William O. Barber.  
Robert Herring, Sr.  
Garrett Brower.  
Nehemiah Miller.  
Albert G. Reed.  
Simon Houghwout.  
Henry Van Benschooten.

Several names for the Lodge were presented, and the name "Polar Star" was selected by ballot.

Wednesday night of each week was selected as the time for regular meetings, and the place, corner of Avenue C and Fourth Street.

The officers elected were:

ALEXANDER B. SUMMERS, Master.  
WILLIAM K. TATTERSALL, Senior Warden.  
NEHEMIAH PECK, Junior Warden.  
HENRY H. WATTS, Treasurer.  
JOHN H. SMITH, Secretary.  
JOHN P. PHILLIPS, Senior Deacon.  
THOMAS N. MIX, Junior Deacon.  
JAMES TIMSON, Master of Ceremonies.  
SAMUEL ERWIN, Tiler.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held August 20th, when petitions for membership were received from James M. Smith and Leonard L. Johnson, they being the first applicants. The first initiate was Leonard L. Johnson, who was initiated September 10, 1851.

The first meeting under the warrant was held March 10, 1852.

The warrant named as officers:

ALEXANDER B. SUMMERS, Master.  
WILLIAM K. TATTERSALL, Senior Warden.  
NEHEMIAH PECK, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William H. Miller, Grand Treasurer.      John P. Ruf, District Deputy Grand Master.

## MASTERS.

1851. Alexander B. Summers.	1882. John S. Little.
1852. Alexander B. Summers.	1883. Elias H. Stone.
1853. Nehemiah Peck.	1884. Elias H. Stone.
1854. Nehemiah Peck.	1885. Samuel Holmes.
1855. Nehemiah Peck.	1886. Samuel Holmes.
1856. Nehemiah Peck.	1887. George A. Harkness.
1857. Joseph W. Little.	1888. George A. Harkness.
1858. Nehemiah Peck.	1889. William H. Miller, Jr.
1859. Thomas Abbott.	1890. William H. Miller, Jr.
1860. Cornelius Haggerty.	1891. William H. Miller, Jr.
1861. Cornelius Haggerty.	1892. William H. Miller, Jr.
1862. Edwin Bouton.	1893. Alexander S. Williams.
1863. Edwin Bouton.	1894. Alexander S. Williams.
1864. Edwin Bouton.	1895. Frank L. Hamilton.
1865. William J. Holmes.	1896. Frank L. Hamilton.
1866. Edward P. Curtis.	1897. Frank L. Hamilton.
1867. Edward P. Curtis.	1898. Charles F. Olpp.
1868. Edward P. Curtis.	1899. Charles F. Olpp.
1869. Isaac Hicks.	1900. William F. Spies.
1870. Isaac Hicks.	1901. William F. Spies.
1871. William H. Miller.	1902. John E. W. Sanderson.
1872. William H. Miller.	1903. John E. W. Sanderson.
1873. George A. Phelan.	1904. Charles W. Frank.
1874. George A. Phelan.	1905. Guy W. Culgin.
1875. Guy W. Culgin.	1906. John P. Ruf.
1876. Guy W. Culgin.	1907. Harry S. Van Demark.
1877. Smith S. Merritt.	1908. Harry S. Van Demark.
1878. Isaac Hicks.	1909. Warner Paxson.
1879. Gilbert D. Smith.	1910. Alfred R. Page.
1880. John P. Dallimore.	1911. Miles M. Dawson.
1881. John P. Dallimore.	

## ARCANA LODGE, NO. 246.

## NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 25, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On January 19, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and signed by the following:

Charles A. Peck.  
John B. Breckenridge.  
Smith Mead.  
Henry C. Banks.

William R. Stafford.  
Lyman Fisk.  
James H. Brush.  
Samuel Jenkins.

John Hayward.

The petition named as officers:

CHARLES A. PECK, Master.

WILLIAM R. STAFFORD, Senior Warden.

JOHN B. BRECKENRIDGE, Junior Warden.

and was recommended by Lebanon Lodge, No. 191; Joppa Lodge, No. 201, and Eureka Lodge, No. 243.

The petition met with favor, and on January 24, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master.

A foot-note on the petition states that "the objects are to form a Lodge of young men, professional as far as possible, and to have the place of meeting on the east side of the town." A sketch of the Lodge written several years ago states that six of the petitioners were professional men, hence the desire to create a "class" Lodge.

The Lodge worked but a short time under dispensation. A warrant was issued on March 25th, since that time it has had an unbroken existence.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870, the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Vernon N. Davis, Judge, Supreme Court.	Silas C. Croft, Surveyor, Port of New York.
Charles De F. Burns, Park Commissioner.	Leroy B. Crane, City Magistrate.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Louis J. Belloni, Jr., Grand Representative.	James A. Kelly, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
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#### MASTERS.

1852. Charles A. Peck.	1882. Walter P. Montague.
1853. William R. Stafford.	1883. Elbert W. Brown.
1854. Nelson C. Gridley.	1884. Elbert W. Brown.
1855. Philip Pritchard.	1885. Joseph E. Banks.
1856. William R. Stafford.	1886. Isaac Van Benchoten.
1857. James L. Morehouse.	1887. Isaac Van Benchoten.
1858. Philip Pritchard.	1888. William A. Glover.
1859. Philip Pritchard.	1889. William A. Glover.
1860. J. C. B. Yuille.	1890. William A. Glover.
1861. John Phillips.	1891. William A. Glover.
1862. Daniel W. Leeds.	1892. John T. Logan.
1863. Daniel W. Leeds.	1893. John T. Logan.
1864. Richard K. Cooke.	1894. John T. Logan.
1865. William R. Stafford.	1895. George H. Smith.
1866. Lewis A. Osborne.	1896. George H. Smith.
1867. Joseph E. Banks.	1897. John T. Logan.
1868. Joseph E. Banks.	1898. John T. Logan.
1869. C. De Forest Burns.	1899. John T. Logan.
1870. C. De Forest Burns.	1900. James A. Kelly.
1871. C. De Forest Burns.	1901. James A. Kelly.
1872. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.	1902. Charles Schenck.
1873. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.	1903. Charles Schenck.
1874. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.	1904. Charles H. Palmer.
1875. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.	1905. Felix A. Wiener.
1876. George Tuttle.	1906. Charles H. Palmer.
1877. C. De Forest Burns.	1907. Louis J. Rosett.
1878. George Tuttle.	1908. Louis J. Rosett.
1879. Eustace W. Fisher.	1909. Joseph C. Sichel.
1880. Walter P. Montague.	1910. Asher Mayer.
1881. Richard P. Williams.	1911. William T. Gieselberg.

## TONAWANDA LODGE, NO. 247.

## TONAWANDA, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 6, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Tonawanda Lodge was organized during the autumn of 1851.

On September 30, 1851, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation for a Lodge to be named Tonawanda, and nominating as officers:

EMANUEL HENSLE, Master.

JACOB KIBLER, Senior Warden.

JAMES C. BENTLEY, Junior Warden.

The petition was signed by the following:

Emanuel Hensler.

Jacob Kibler.

James C. Bentley.

John Shell.

William Zimmerman.

Erastus B. Jacobs.

John Sweeney.

All of the above became charter members of the Lodge.

On October 4, 1851, a dispensation was issued by R. W. NELSON RANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, returnable February 28, 1852.

The first meeting under dispensation was held in the rooms of White Haven Lodge I. O. O. F., corner of North Canal and Tonawanda streets, October 9, 1851, with the following as officers:

EMANUEL HENSLE, Master.

JACOB KIBLER, Senior Warden.

JOHN SHELL, Junior Warden.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN, Treasurer.

JOEL D. SMITH, Secretary.

JESSE F. LOCKE, Senior Deacon.

ERASTUS B. JACOBS, Junior Deacon.

JAMES C. BENTLEY, Tiler.

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until February 26, 1852, when it returned the dispensation and applied for a warrant.

At this time it had thirteen members.

On March 6, 1852, a warrant was granted which named as officers:

EMANUEL HENSLE, Master.

JACOB KIBLER, Senior Warden.

JAMES C. BENTLEY, Junior Warden.

The early minutes of the Lodge contain some quaint records of its doings; the Secretary was honest, and while his work is somewhat crude, he endeavored to record all incidents as he saw them.

In one case the minutes state: "Communication from Grand Lecturer Dibble requests the Lodge to pay demand that he holds against the Lodge. Motioned that we borrow the money and pay him. Brother Zimmerman lent the money, amount \$15.00." The loaning of money by the members was not an unusual occurrence, as the records contain other

items of a similar character, for it appears that the Lodge was frequently in need of funds; in one case when claims were presented the Treasurer announced that the Lodge could "draw the orders on the Treasurer—I'll see that they are paid when presented."

On one occasion when the Lodge was in urgent need of funds a member came to the Secretary's desk, took from his pocket a wallet bound with a shoe-string, laid it on the desk and said: "Here's three hundred dollars, and you can have as much more as you need."

It must not be inferred, however, that the Lodge spent its funds in a profligate manner, as it frequently counted the cost before incurring any expense. At one time the members desired instruction, but did not care to pay much for it as the following shows:

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Lecturer be engaged to deliver a course of lectures in this room, remuneration not to exceed twelve shillings per night, including carfare." The records show that the services were rendered at the price named.

At one time the Tiler appears to have needed exercise, as the following is found on the records:

"Motion carried that the Tiler be instructed to saw wood for the Lodge."

There is no record to show that the resolution was ever revoked, it appears that the Tiler is still under instructions "to saw wood for the Lodge."

An incident occurred during the Civil War which tends to show that to some extent the influence of Freemasonry played a part in mitigating the horrors of war.

Lewis F. Payne, Colonel of the 100th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, and a member of the Lodge, was taken prisoner near Columbia, S. C. When the Lodge ascertained the location of the prison where he was confined it adopted the following:

"RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to see what can be done for the relief of Bro. L. F. Payne, now a Confederate prisoner in South Carolina."

The outcome of this was that an open fraternal letter was addressed to Colonel Payne, which was sent under a flag of truce, together with a package.

The Confederate officer upon receiving the letter and package said: "The vicissitudes of war are many, and I cannot promise that it will ever reach its destination, yet all that fraternal feeling can do shall be done." In a few days the officer in command of the prison where Colonel Payne was confined came to him and said: "Here is something that has been intrusted to me for personal delivery. Why did you not tell me you were a Mason?" After he was released and returned home Colonel Payne said "that after he received the letter and package he was treated with all the kindness of a brother, subject only to the requirements occasioned by the conditions of war."

The Lodge participated in the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the Federal Building at Buffalo, June 19, 1897; the laying of the corner-stone of the Armory of the 74th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., at Buffalo, July 4, 1898. It was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.



## MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John G. Wallenmeier, State Treasurer.  
 Garwood L. Judd, Assemblyman.  
 W. D. Murray, Surgeon, Union Army, Civil War.

George D. Calkins, Surgeon, U. S. Army, Spanish-American War.  
 John K. Patton, Assemblyman.  
 C. W. Sickmon, Assistant District Attorney.  
 Charles Zuckmaier, Mayor.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Joshua S. Bliss, District Deputy Grand Master.  
 John G. Wallenmeier, Grand Steward.  
 Edgar C. McDonald, Senior Grand Deacon.  
 Ray M. Stanley, Grand Steward.

## MASTERS.

1851. Emanuel Hensler.  
 1852. Emanuel Hensler.  
 1853. Emanuel Hensler.  
 1854. Emanuel Hensler.  
 1855. Jesse F. Locke.  
 1856. Jesse F. Locke.  
 1857. Jesse F. Locke.  
 1858. Jesse F. Locke.  
 1859. Franklin Warren.  
 1860. Franklin Warren.  
 1861. Benjamin F. Betts.  
 1862. Benjamin F. Betts.  
 1863. Benjamin F. Betts.  
 1864. William Westover.  
 1865. William Westover.  
 1866. Clark Ransom.  
 1867. Benjamin F. Betts.  
 1868. A. R. White.  
 1869. A. R. White.  
 1870. Garwood L. Judd.  
 1871. Charles D. Cramer.  
 1872. Calvin P. Clark.  
 1873. Calvin P. Clark.  
 1874. G. F. Williams.  
 1875. G. F. Williams.  
 1876. George R. McEuen.  
 1877. Albert B. Williams.  
 1878. George R. McEuen.  
 1879. Augustus H. Crown.  
 1880. Josiah S. Bliss.

1882. Arlington A. Bellinger.  
 1883. Arlington A. Bellinger.  
 1884. William R. Gregory.  
 1885. George W. Millener.  
 1886. Josiah S. Bliss.  
 1887. Lyman G. Stanley.  
 1888. Reed A. Pierce.  
 1889. Reed A. Pierce.  
 1890. George W. Millener.  
 1891. Edgar C. McDonald.  
 1892. Edgar C. McDonald.  
 1893. Thomas E. Warner.  
 1894. Thomas E. Warner.  
 1895. Dow Vroman.  
 1896. Dow Vroman.  
 1897. John G. Wallenmeier.  
 1898. John G. Wallenmeier.  
 1899. John G. Wallenmeier.  
 1900. Albert R. Smith.  
 1901. Albert R. Smith.  
 1902. Ray M. Stanley.  
 1903. Ray M. Stanley.  
 1904. Augustus F. Premus.  
 1905. George H. Calkins.  
 1906. Myron J. Dixon.  
 1907. John K. Patton.  
 1908. Frank F. Rumbold.  
 1909. Frank F. Rumbold.  
 1910. Fred D. Tuck.  
 1911. Fred D. Tuck.

## PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 248.

## PALMYRA, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 8, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Palmyra Lodge was organized in the month of July, 1851; on the 26th of that month a petition was prepared and signed by the following:

Elijah Ennis.  
 A. G. Myrick.  
 Charles Hudson.  
 Frederick T. Sheffield.  
 Thomas Robinson.

Samuel Sawyer.  
 William Pennel.  
 Samuel D. Huntingdon.  
 Isaac E. Beecher.  
 James P. Shoecraft.

J. L. Dewey.

The petition nominated as officers :

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.

FREDERICK U. SHEFFIELD, Senior Warden.

ELIJAH ENNIS, Junior Warden.

A dispensation was issued on August 13, 1851, and on Wednesday evening, September 10, the first regular meeting was held with the following as officers :

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.

JOHN DAGGETT, Senior Warden.

ELIJAH ENNIS, Junior Warden.

S. BALDWIN, Secretary.

SAMUEL D. HUNTINGTON, Tiler.

In addition to the above there were present at this meeting Samuel Sawyer, Julius L. Dewey and John C. Calhoun.

The dispensation was read and the Lodge was duly opened. A committee was appointed to draft a code of By-Laws and another committee to negotiate with Wayne Lodge I. O. O. F., for the use of its hall for future meetings. Petitions for degrees were received from John A. Hudson, William B. Crandall and Thomas Douglass:

Crandall and Douglass received the first degree two weeks later.

The warrant named as officers :

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.

ELIJAH ENNIS, Senior Warden.

JOHN C. CALHOUN, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the warrant was held March 24, 1852, when the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by Wor. JOHN DAGGETT, Master of Newark Lodge, No. 83 :

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.

ELIJAH ENNIS, Senior Warden.

JOHN C. CALHOUN, Junior Warden.

ALBERT G. MYRICK, Treasurer.

THOMAS ROBINSON, Secretary.

JAMES P. SHOERAFT, Senior Deacon.

JOHN A. HUDSON, Junior Deacon.

SAMUEL D. HUNTINGTON, Tiler.

All three degrees were conferred at this meeting.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in Odd Fellows' Hall on the third floor of what was for many years known as the Foster and Smith block, the rent was \$30.00 per year including wood and oil for heat and light.

The Lodge remained in these quarters until 1870, when it moved into its present quarters in the building owned by George W. Cuyler. The rooms were fitted and furnished by the Lodge, and on June 8, 1870, were dedicated by R. W. GEORGE O. BAKER, who at the time was District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District (now the Thirty-second District). The event was a notable one in the life of the Lodge, a procession was formed with Zenobia and Geneva Commanderies of Knights Templar acting as escort; the Lodge and its guests paraded the streets of the village. The District Deputy Grand Master

says in his report: "I was assisted by R.'. W.'. and Rev. John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain; R.'. W.'. Aaron Griswold of Clyde Lodge; W.'. Bro. Wright of Weedsport Lodge; W. T. Scott Ledyard of Pultneyville Lodge and Brethren of various Lodges." An address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory exercises the wife of the Grand Chaplain, in behalf of the wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the Lodge presented to the Lodge "The Three Great Lights in Masonry." This came as a great surprise, as the ladies had kept the presentation a profound secret.

A few days after this event R.'. W.'. BRO. WEBSTER presented an Altar to the Lodge, the same being his personal handiwork.

A beautiful custom of the Lodge is to present a copy of the Holy Bible to each candidate when raised. Each copy is suitably inscribed with the name of the candidate and date upon which he became a Freemason.

An incident which occurred on April 22, 1863, clearly shows that in one instance at least this custom was appreciated. A letter was received by the Lodge from one of its members asking the Lodge to replace the Bible he had received when a Mason, and which had been taken from him while a prisoner of war at Mumfordsville, Ky. His request was promptly complied with.

Of the charter members of Palmyra Lodge, Charles Hudson, Samuel D. Huntington, Samuel Sawyer and Frederick U. Sheffield were members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 112, and Truman Hemingway and Pomeroy Tucker, also members of this Lodge, affiliated with Palmyra Lodge shortly after it was organized, thus constituting a connecting link between these Lodges.

At a session of the Grand Lodge, held June 1., 1803, a petition was presented asking for a warrant for Mount Moriah Lodge. This petition was signed by the following:

Pearley Phillips.  
Asa Lilly.  
John Swift.  
Joel Presscot.  
Philetus Swift.

Azel Ensworth.  
Timothy Smith.  
Gain Robinson.  
Seth Deane.  
William Burnet.

The petitioners set forth that "they were inhabitants of the towns of Palmyra and of Phelps, residing at a distance of fifteen to twenty miles from any Masonic Lodge, and humbly pray your worships to grant us a charter by the name and style of Mount Moriah Lodge, with all the powers and privileges which other Lodges in this State have and enjoy, with this particular privilege, to wit, the right of convening the Lodge alternately at the Town of Palmyra and the Town of Phelps, or if the same be by your worships deemed improper then your petitioners pray a charter appointing their Lodge to be held at the Town of Palmyra only."

The petition nominated as officers:

PEARLEY PHILLIPS, Master.  
AZEL ENSWORTH, Senior Warden.  
TIMOTHY SMITH, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Ontario Lodge, No. 23, of Canandaigua at a meeting held December 25, 1802.

The petition met with favor, and on June 9, 1804, a warrant was issued with the special privilege asked for, and it continued to meet alternately at Palmyra and Phelps until 1807. On March 6, a petition was prepared asking permission to meet at Palmyra only and endorsed upon it is the following:

"The prayer of the above petitioners appears to be reasonable, and I recommend the granting of it. Dewitt Clinton, 2 June, 1807."

The petition was granted by the Grand Lodge September 2, 1807, and the Lodge met thereafter at Palmyra only.

Among the old papers relating to this Lodge on file is the following bill:

R. W. GRAND LODGE, STATE OF N. YORK.

To Asa Stanley, Dr.

For attendance at the Annual Communication as proxy for Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 112.

6 days at \$1.50..... \$9.00

358/716 miles travel

17½ days..... 26.25

\$35.25

New York 11 June 1821.

Rec'd Pay't.

ASA STANLEY.

A mutilated copy of the minutes of this Lodge was rescued from a second-hand book store by R. W. GEORGE MCGOWN and presented to the Lodge. These old records contain the proceedings of the Lodge from July 9, 1804, to December 6, 1824.

On March 4, 1811, the Lodge adopted the following:

"RESOLVED, That in the future every candidate for Freemasonry be presented with the sacred writings at his initiation into the first degree of Freemasonry."

This custom prompted the adoption of a similar custom by Palmyra Lodge, the only difference being that in the old Lodge the presentation was made at initiation, while in Palmyra Lodge it is done when the candidate receives his third degree.

The last recorded meeting of Mount Moriah Lodge was held December 6, 1824, but subsequent meetings must have been held as among the returns of the Lodge on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is one dated June 1, 1831. It may be assumed that, owing to the intense and bitter persecutions occasioned by the Morgan Episode, the Lodge met occasionally, but made no record of its proceedings. The warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge, June 4, 1835.

On April 24, 1889, Palmyra Lodge held "Jubilee" services in celebration of the payment of the "Great Debt." On this occasion addresses were made by W. EDWIN B. ANDERSON, W. MARK G. FINLEY, R. W. GEORGE MCGOWN and R. W. S. NELSON SAWYER.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Public Library at Newark, N. Y., October 17, 1900; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and also participated in a reception given to the members of Company B, 33d Regiment, N. Y. S. V., upon their return from war May 20, 1863.

Palmyra Lodge has had an unbroken existence, and among its members are several who have gained distinction as

## MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Frederick W. Griffith, State Senator.

S. Nelson Sawyer, Judge, Supreme Court.

Pliny T. Sexton, Member of the

Board of Regents, State of New York.

George McGown, Lieutenant-Col., U. S. A.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

John G. Webster was District Deputy Grand Master from June, 1860, until June, 1863; Grand Steward in 1862, and was Grand Chaplain from 1869 until his death, September 27, 1887. He was elected Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York in 1869 and in 1886 he was appointed Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., both of these offices he held at the time of his death. For twenty years he was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

George McGown, District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. McGown was made a Mason in Wyoming Lodge, No. 492, West Chester, N. Y., while stationed

with his regiment (2d Infantry) at Fort Schuyler. He affiliated with Palmyra Lodge July 3, 1871; was Master in 1872-73-74-75, and its Secretary eleven years. He was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. in 1884, and still holds that office.

S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master. Bro. Sawyer was raised in Palmyra Lodge October 22, 1879, and was Master in 1887-88. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1889-90-91; Commissioner of Appeals, 1892-93-94-95-96-97 and 1900; Junior Grand Warden, 1901; Senior Grand Warden, 1902-03-04-05; Deputy Grand Master, 1906-07; Grand Master, 1908-09.

George S. Tinklepaugh, Commissioner of Appeals.

## MASTERS.

1851. Charles Hudson.  
1852. Charles Hudson.  
1853. Elijah Ennis.  
1854. Thomas Robinson.  
1855. John C. Calhoun.  
1856. William B. Crandall.  
1857. William B. Crandall.  
1858. William B. Crandall.  
1859. Seneca B. Smith.  
1860. William B. Crandall.  
1861. Thomas L. Root.  
1862. Thomas L. Root.  
1863. Clark S. Chase.  
1864. Clark S. Chase.  
1865. Clark S. Chase.  
1866. Mark C. Finley.  
1867. Mark C. Finley.  
1868. John G. Webster.  
1869. John G. Webster.  
1870. Timothy S. Jackson.  
1871. Joseph W. Corning.  
1872. George McGown.  
1873. George McGown.  
1874. George McGown.  
1875. George McGown.  
1876. Henry P. Knowles.  
1877. Joseph W. Taylor.  
1878. Wells Tyler, Jr.  
1879. Wells Tyler, Jr.  
1880. John C. Coates.  
1881. John C. Coates.

1882. Oliver Durfee.  
1883. Oliver Durfee.  
1884. Henry Birdsall.  
1885. Henry Birdsall.  
1886. Edwin B. Anderson.  
1887. S. Nelson Sawyer.  
1888. S. Nelson Sawyer.  
1889. Charles H. Brigham.  
1890. Charles H. Brigham.  
1891. Selner E. Braman.  
1892. Selner E. Braman.  
1893. Alfred C. Hopkins.  
1894. Alfred C. Hopkins.  
1895. Louis M. Chase.  
1896. Louis M. Chase.  
1897. James L. Harrison.  
1898. James L. Harrison.  
1899. George S. Tinklepaugh.  
1900. George S. Tinklepaugh.  
1901. William J. Deans.  
1902. William J. Deans.  
1903. William J. Deans.  
1904. Charles F. Griswold.  
1905. Charles F. Griswold.  
1906. George W. Barnes.  
1907. George W. Barnes.  
1908. Sanford D. Van Alstine.  
1909. William J. Hennessy.  
1910. William J. Hennessy.  
1911. George A. Tuttle.

# CHARTER OAK LODGE, NO. 249.

## NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 3, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Not intact, all records from February 14, 1854, to December 3, 1856, were destroyed by fire.

The first preliminary meeting held for the purpose of organizing Charter Oak Lodge was held at the residence of N. R. Bunce, No. 108 Munroe Street, January 14, 1852.

Of the eight participants in this meeting six were members of Benevolent Lodge, No. 28. At this meeting several committees were appointed, one of which was to select a name for the new Lodge, and at a subsequent meeting held at the same place on January 20 this committee reported in favor of calling the Lodge "Ezel," but subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and in case it did not meet with his approval, the name "Charter Oak" was to be substituted.

On January 27, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, creating "Charter Oak" Lodge and naming as officers:

BENJAMIN W. BENSON, Master.  
 GEORGE YOUNG, Senior Warden.  
 WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, and was signed by the following:

A. R. Bunce.	William Branch.
Thomas Betts.	William Humphreys.
Henry Tillou.	George Young.
Michael M. Van Dyke.	John Wright, Jr.
James Lawson.	Benjamin W. Benson.
William T. Skidmore.	Joseph Bills.
William H. Wood.	Charles M. Anderson.
	William Van Name.

These Brethren also became the charter members.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held at No. 56 Orchard Street, January 30, 1852, with the following as officers:

BENJAMIN W. BENSON, Master.  
 GEORGE YOUNG, Senior Warden.  
 WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, Junior Warden.  
 HENRY TILLOU, Junior Warden.  
 N. R. BUNCE, Secretary.  
 CHARLES M. ANDERSON, Senior Deacon.  
 WILLIAM BRANCH, Junior Deacon.  
 JOSEPH BILLS, }  
 WILLIAM T. SKIDMORE, } Masters of Ceremonies.

The first applicants for degrees were Charles A. Smilie, Edmund Long and William Gardner, they were proposed January 30; initiated

February 13; passed February 20 and raised February 27. The first of these applicants, together with George Young, the first Senior Warden, were the manufacturers of the famous "Y and S" licorice.

The Lodge continued to work under dispensation until the warrant was issued June 3, 1852. On the 11th of that month the Lodge was constituted and the officers installed by R. W. JOSEPH D. EVANS, Deputy Grand Master.

The first regalia and furniture used by the Lodge were presented by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28; the new Lodge also adopted the By-Laws of that Lodge. On May 26, 1852, M. W. HENRY C. ATWOOD, Past Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, presented the Lodge with a gavel made from a piece of the famous Charter Oak Tree and a piece of cedar from the forests of Lebanon.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at No. 56 Orchard Street, where it remained until May, 1861, when it moved to No. 71 Division Street, remaining there until January, 1867, when it moved into Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets. In April, 1869, it moved to the corner of Bleecker Street and the Bowery, where it remained until 1874, when it moved into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, remaining here until September, 1909, when it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge participated in the funeral obsequies of Henry Clay, July 20, 1852; it was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

In its charitable contributions the Lodge has been generous, frequently contributing toward relieving sufferers by fire, war and floods. It also was a generous contributor to the Hall and Asylum Fund and the payment of the "Great Debt." A notable instance of its charities occurred in 1862, when it contributed the sum of \$125 annually to be equally divided between two children of a deceased member until they arrived at the age of fourteen years. At that time they were respectively eight and ten years of age.

A sketch of Charter Oak Lodge would be incomplete without special reference to one of its charter members, George Young, who was its first Senior Warden and Master in 1854, 1857 and 1860. From the organization of the Lodge until the infirmities of age prevented he took an active interest in its affairs, his last appearance in Lodge work was at the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge, held June 10, 1902, at the Park Avenue Hotel. He died, February 14, 1909, and when his will was probated it was found that he had bequeathed to the Home at Utica, N. Y., the munificent sum of \$100,000. This bequest is probably the largest sum ever given for Masonic charitable purposes by any one individual in the United States.

The Lodge is fortunate in having another member who has served it with fervency and zeal for many years, James Y. Watkins, who was Master in 1868, and has been its faithful Treasurer for more than forty-seven years.

Although over eighty years of age, he is still actively interested in the Lodge and carefully guarding its treasury.

He was initiated August 3, 1859, passed August 10, and raised August 24th.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Ephraim W. Richardson, Trustee, John McMillan, District Deputy  
Hall and Asylum Fund. Grand Master.

## MASTERS.

1852. Benjamin W. Benson.	1882. Ephraim W. Richardson.
1853. Benjamin W. Benson.	1883. Ephraim W. Richardson.
1854. George Young.	1884. Ephraim W. Richardson.
1855. Joseph G. Merritt.	1885. Charles E. Howard.
1856. Joseph G. Merritt.	1886. Charles E. Howard.
1857. George Young.	1887. James Rutter.
1858. George H. Wooster.	1888. James Rutter.
1859. Aaron C. Jewell.	1889. Ephraim W. Richardson.
1860. George Young.	1890. George H. Rutter.
1861. Robert Beatty, Jr.	1891. George H. Rutter.
1862. William C. Peckham.	1892. Samuel J. Bailey.
1863. William C. Peckham.	1893. Lewis Brandt.
1864. William C. Peckham.	1894. George H. Rutter.
1865. William C. Peckham.	1895. John Boyd.
1866. Manuel G. de J. Bonell.	1896. Richard Bush.
1867. Manuel G. de J. Bonell.	1897. Joseph W. Malone.
1868. James Y. Watkins.	1898. John McMillan.
1869. Richard P. Dean.	1899. Charles P. Schiller.
1870. James Rutter.	1900. John McMillan.
1871. James Rutter.	1901. Wallace E. Sadler.
1872. James Rutter.	1902. William G. Sherrer.
1873. Richard P. Dean.	1903. Richard Gunzer.
1874. Richard P. Dean.	1904. Frederick M. Pansing.
1875. Frederick Berenbroick.	1905. George N. Boehm.
1876. Frederick Berenbroick.	1906. Walter W. Reid.
1877. Frederick Berenbroick.	1907. Leon Bowman.
1878. George A. Lockhart.	1908. Robert H. Coy.
1879. George A. Lockhart.	1909. John D. Northrop.
1880. George A. Lockhart.	1910. George W. Harris.
1881. Ephraim W. Richardson.	1911. Matthew J. Smith.

## JOHN D. WILLARD LODGE, NO. 250.

## NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 4, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

In the month of March, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation to form a Lodge to be called John D. Willard and signed by the following:

Frederick Welch Talkington.  
George H. Parrish.  
Jacob G. Southard.  
James Thomson.

J. D. Clark.  
Aaron H. Bean.  
William Westner.  
D. G. Daniels.

Joseph Kirkman.

The petition was recommended by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, at a meeting held at the City Hotel March 25, 1852.



On March 30 a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

FREDERICK W. TALKINGTON, Master.  
AARON H. BEAN, Senior Warden.  
JAMES THOMSON, Junior Warden.

and on the same date the Lodge was instituted and the following officers installed:

FREDERICK W. TALKINGTON, Master.  
AARON H. BEAN, Senior Warden.  
JAMES THOMSON, Junior Warden.  
WILLIAM D. BENSON, Treasurer.  
JACOB G. SOUTHARD, Secretary.  
DAVID G. DANIELS, Senior Deacon.  
JOSEPH KIRKMAN, Junior Deacon.  
WILLIAM BROWN, Tiler.

The Lodge continued to work under the dispensation until June 1, and on June 4 a warrant was issued which named the same officers as were named in the dispensation.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS.

Frederick W. Talkington.	Joseph Kirkman.
Aaron H. Bean.	George H. Parrish.
James Thomson.	Jacob G. Southard.
J. D. Clark.	Thomas H. Rowe.
Ezra T. Sawyer.	William D. Benson.
	William Westner.

On June 22, 1852, the Lodge was constituted and the officers installed by M. W. JOHN D. WILLARD, assisted by M. W. HENRY C. ATWOOD. A copy of the Holy Bible was presented to the Lodge by M. W. JOHN D. WILLARD at this meeting.

The Lodge had been established but a short time when it was unfortunate in the selection of its Master who, as an old sketch of the Lodge says, "exercised an almost unlimited control over its affairs, squandering and appropriating the moneys and other property until the more conservative members were induced to make complaint to the Deputy Grand Master, who temporarily suspended the warrant in December, 1856." At the annual meeting held December 22, 1856, R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN presided, restoring the warrant and holding an election for officers. This appears to have been a crucial period in the life of the Lodge; the Master who had so nearly disrupted the Lodge was expelled, renewed interest on the part of the members soon asserted itself, and it slowly recovered from the incubus which had so seriously endangered its life.

On December 15, 1857, George T. Dollinger affiliated in the Lodge, and was immediately elected its Master, serving for three years, and during his administration of its affairs a new era of prosperity dawned upon it and which has abided with it down to the present moment.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at the City Hotel, corner of Broadway and Howard Street, where it remained until May, 1853, when it moved to No. 360 Broadway, remaining there until August of

that year, when it moved to the corner of Broome and Mercer streets, where it remained until November, 1855, when it moved to No. 411 Broadway.

In May, 1857, it moved into Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining here until May, 1868, when it moved to No. 594 Broadway, where it remained until March, 1872, when it moved to No. 8 Union Square. In May, 1873, it moved to No. 33 Union Square, remaining there until December, 1883, when it moved into the Grand Opera House, corner of Twenty-third Street and Eighth Avenue.

In February, 1910, it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880, and the dedication of the Home at Utica, N. Y., October 5, 1892.

John D. Willard, after whom the Lodge was named, was born at Lancaster, Vt., in 1799. Shortly after graduation at Dartmouth College he located at Troy, N. Y., studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1826. In 1834 Governor William L. Marcy appointed him Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, which office he held for six years. For a time he edited the *Troy Sentinel*.

He was an ardent, earnest and active Mason, serving seven years as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; two years as Senior Warden; two years as Deputy Grand Master, and four years as Grand Master.

It was under his administration that the unfortunate difficulties took place which for a time disrupted the Grand Lodge. He was largely instrumental in bringing about a settlement of that lamentable affair in 1858, and it was his privilege to receive and welcome the Brethren who had been so long estranged.

He died at his residence in the City of Troy, October 10, 1864.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Thales B. Bliss, Assemblyman.	Board of Education.
Waldo H. Richardson, Member,	Bryant Willard, Alderman.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Robert L. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master.	Robert Smith, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Waldo H. Richardson, Grand Representative.	Robert J. Jordan, Grand Representative.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Frederick W. Talkington.	1862. George Renshaw.
1853. William D. Benson.	1863. George Renshaw.
1854. Frederick W. Talkington.	1864. George Renshaw.
1855. William D. Benson.	1865. Henry Wilson.
1856. William D. Benson.	1866. Henry Wilson.
1857. Peter P. Day.	1867. John Moffitt.
1858. George T. Dollinger.	1868. John Moffitt.
1859. George T. Dollinger.	1869. Gilbert K. Rosenquest.
1860. George T. Dollinger.	1870. Gilbert K. Rosenquest.
1861. John Wood.	1871. Simon Ward.

1872. Simon Ward.	1892. Robert J. Jordan.
1873. Oscar Frisbie.	1893. James T. Walker.
1874. Oscar Frisbie.	1894. James T. Walker.
1875. Robert Smith.	1895. Jacob Seipp.
1876. Robert Smith.	1896. Charles H. Vandevort.
1877. Robert Smith.	1897. Robert L. Smith.
1878. Robert Smith.	1898. Robert L. Smith.
1879. William M. White.	1899. Harry P. Poinsett.
1880. William M. White.	1900. Harry P. Poinsett.
1881. William M. White.	1901. William J. Dyer.
1882. George L. Tillottson.	1902. William J. Dyer.
1883. Henry S. Walker.	1903. William Morgan.
1884. Henry S. Walker.	1904. Robert J. Furze.
1885. William M. White.	1905. Charles W. Dollinger.
1886. Waldo H. Richardson.	1906. E. Merrill Smith.
1887. William H. Ely.	1907. Sydney W. Dougherty.
1888. William H. Ely.	1908. Sydney W. Dougherty.
1889. William H. Ely.	1909. Walter H. Murphy.
1890. William H. Ely.	1910. Walter H. Murphy.
1891. William H. Ely.	1911. William F. Bredemeyer.

## OLEAN LODGE, NO. 252.

## OLEAN, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 6, 1863.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Olean Lodge was organized during the early part of 1852. On February 24 a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and signed by the following:

Frederick S. Martin.  
Thomas Lockwood.  
Waldo A. Blossom.  
David McCormick.  
Emory Wood.  
R. L. Page.  
John Barse.  
James Brooks.

David Bockes.  
David Bennie.  
H. T. Leighton.  
Willis M. Howe.  
David Day.  
E. B. Andrews.  
John Conrad.  
James L. Savage.

W. Wood.

The name first selected by the petitioners was "Olean Olive Branch." The petition was sent to the Grand Secretary on March 8, 1852, and it appears from the following letter that the Grand Master objected to the name selected.

"OLEAN, CATTARAUGUS Co., N. Y.

"March 15, 1852.

"DEAR SIR: Yours of the 11th inst. is at hand, and on conferring with the committee and a number of other petitioners for our Lodge I am instructed to present for the consideration of the Grand Master the name Olean instead of Olean Olive Branch, as presented in our petition. Should the name be acceptable to the Grand Master, you will please erase from our petition the words 'Olive Branch,' thus leaving it Olean Lodge.

"I am, sir, fraternally,

"Your obedient servant,

"DAVID DAY,

"Chairman of Committee for Petitioners."

"J. W. POWELL, M.D.,  
"Grand Secretary."

The petition names as officers:

ANDREW MEAD, Master,  
DAVID BOCKES, Senior Warden,  
JAMES BROOKS, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Allegany Lodge, No. 225, of Friendship, N. Y.

The Lodge worked under the dispensation which was issued March 20, 1852, until the warrant was issued June 5, 1852, which named the same officers as were named in the dispensation. The first meeting under the warrant was held August 12, 1852, when the Lodge was publicly constituted and the officers installed in the Baptist Church by Wor. JEREMIAH HATCH, JR., Master of Allegany Lodge, No. 225.

The officers installed were:

ANDREW MEAD, Master.  
DAVID BOCKES, Senior Warden.  
EDWIN B. ANDREWS, Junior Warden.  
AARON I. ALLEN, Treasurer.  
DAVID DAY, Secretary.  
JAMES L. SAVAGE, Senior Deacon.  
L. C. HATHAWAY, Junior Deacon.  
JOHN BARSE, }  
DAVID BENNIE, } Stewards.  
JULIUS R. SMITH, Tiler.

The Lodge thrived, but owing to the limited supply of material to be found in such a rural location did not rapidly increase in membership, however this did not discourage these sturdy Masons. The first misfortune encountered by the Lodge was the loss of most of its property by fire, including its warrant, on November 21, 1857. A dispensation was obtained on November 28, from the Grand Master, John L. Lewis, Jr., permitting the Lodge to continue working until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and on June 4, 1858, a new warrant was ordered by the Grand Lodge. For some time after this fire the Lodge met in David Bennie's bedroom in the Merritt warehouse, he taking his bed down on meeting nights to make room for the members. The Lodge afterward obtained quarters in a building on the corner of Union and Laurens streets. In 1862 the Lodge for the second time met with loss by fire, which again destroyed its warrant. On August 21, 1862, the Grand Master issued a dispensation permitting the Lodge to continue working until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and on June 4, 1863, a third warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge; this warrant is the one under which the Lodge is now working. The next place of meeting was in the upper part of the building occupied by C. V. B. Barse & Co., where it remained until the completion of the Masonic Temple in 1893. The corner-stone of this building was laid by M. W. JOHN W. BROOKMAN, Past Grand Master, September 27, 1892, and was dedicated by M. W. FREDERICK A. BURNHAM, Grand Master, November 16, 1893. The Lodge participated in these ceremonies and also in the laying of the corner-stone of the Olean Public Library, which was laid by M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, Grand Master, July 3, 1909.

On October 14, 1902, the Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in

a fitting manner; the principal feature being an address by R. W. JOHN SLOANE. In closing he said:

"Loyalty and patriotism are crystallized in the principles of our Fraternity, and when the Mason puts them into use, especially if his country calls him to duty, his name and fame rests on a more solid foundation. We never can forget that the immortal Washington was a Mason, and was held in high veneration by his Brethren because of his exalted character and noble manhood; and yet, but for his duty to the cause of American independence, the name of Washington would have long since been forgotten. Very few know that Joseph Warren was Grand Master of Massachusetts when he fell a martyr to freedom's cause at Bunker Hill; and yet the name of General Warren has a prominent place in the temple of fame. Who remembers that Paul Revere was a Grand Master of Massachusetts? and yet the midnight rider and patriot, the Philip Sheridan of the Revolution, will never be forgotten. And so I might go on, and on, and on through the roll of honor of our country's bravest men down to the present time. When Brother William McKinley fell a victim to the assassin's bullet, there died a man who was the embodiment of all the virtues which adorn and beautify the human character, loyalty and patriotism were the foundation of his civic success. My Brethren, it is a good thing for us on suitable occasions to recall the memories of the past, to recount the glorious deeds done by our Brethren and by recounting them, to catch again the spirit of liberty and freedom, the spirit which will make us true Americans, true to ourselves and true to our God.

"Let us, then, as Masons and citizens of this favored land, ever remember that the Great Creator has endowed us with a glorious heritage, and that every thought, word and act of our lives should be in accordance with the sublime principles of our noble Fraternity."

At the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple this Brother also delivered an address on the "Masonic History of Olean." In introducing his subject, he said: "On January 22, 1817, thirteen years after the first white settler trod the primeval forests which abounded in this region, Hamilton Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was duly chartered. From inquiries made I believe there is no member of that Lodge alive to-day. The Lodge ceased to exist during the Anti-Masonic excitement; its lights were extinguished and the sacred volume upon its altar was closed forever. The records, furniture and jewels were preserved and became the property of Olean Lodge, but unfortunately were destroyed by fire some thirty years ago."

The Lodge referred to by the speaker was Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, warranted June 22, 1817. The petition for this Lodge, which is on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, is without date, and is signed by the following:

Jonathan Griffin,  
Norman Hooker.  
Silas Knight.  
Thomas Haskell.

James Wright.  
Alexander Adams.  
Israel Curtis.  
Charles S. Hunt.

Luke Goodspeed.

The petition named as officers:

ISRAEL CURTIS, Master.  
ALEXANDER ADAMS, Senior Warden.  
SILAS WRIGHT, Junior Warden.

It was recommended by Angelica Lodge, No. 167 (now extinct).

The last returns of Hamilton Lodge on file are dated December 27, 1827. The officers at that time were:

AMOS R. ORTON, Master.  
 ANDREW MEAD, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES BROOKS, Junior Warden.  
 HENRY BRYAN, Treasurer.  
 NATHANIEL GOODSPEED, Secretary.

This return contains the names of thirty-seven members; among the members at that time were the following six who were petitioners for Olean Lodge:

Thomas Lockwood.	David Bockes.
Henry T. Leighton.	Emory Wood.
James Brooks.	Wheelock Wood.

David Bockes was Master of the Lodge in 1825.

The warrant of the Lodge was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 4, 1835, and no attempt appears to have been made to revive it or organize its successor until the advent of Olean Lodge in 1852. The first meeting of the new Lodge under the dispensation was held April 1, and the records of this meeting state that the By-Laws of the old Lodge were adopted as the By-Laws of the new Lodge.

On April 24, 1889, the Lodge held "Jubilee" services in celebration of the payment of the Great Debt. On this occasion addresses were delivered by Rev. Bro. W. W. Rafter and Rev. J. W. Ashton, D.D.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Frederick S. Martin, Congressman.	N. V. V. Franchot, Superintendent
Frank W. Higgins, Governor.	of Public Works.
Frederick W. Kruse, Judge, Supreme Court.	Elisha M. Johnson, Assemblyman.
	James H. Waring, Mayor.
	G. H. Strong, Mayor.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

L. F. More, District Deputy	Edward M. Tothill, District Deputy
Grand Master.	Grand Master.
John Sloane, District Deputy	
Grand Master.	

#### MASTERS.

1852. Andrew Mead.	1870. Milton B. Fobes.
1853. Russell Martin.	1871. Hugh Morton.
1854. David Day.	1872. Hugh Morton.
1855. Richard King.	1873. Eugene A. Homer.
1856. Hamilton D. Bennie.	1874. Eugene A. Homer.
1857. Chauncey H. Titus.	1875. Clarence H. Emerson.
1858. Hamilton D. Bennie.	1876. Clarence H. Emerson.
1859. Hamilton D. Bennie.	1877. L. F. More.
1860. Nathan P. Wilcox.	1878. L. F. More.
1861. George W. Norton.	1879. Martin Southeron.
1862. Nathan P. Wilcox.	1880. Martin Southeron.
1863. George W. Norton.	1881. John L. Eddy.
1864. George W. Norton.	1882. John L. Eddy.
1865. George W. Norton.	1883. Caleb S. Hanks.
1866. George W. Norton.	1884. John A. Taylor.
1867. James T. Henry.	1885. Calvin S. Stowell.
1868. Frank L. Stowell.	1886. John L. Eddy.
1869. John S. Shaw.	1887. William V. Smith.

1888. William L. Myrick.  
 1889. John Sloane.  
 1890. John Sloane.  
 1891. James A. Barhydt.  
 1892. Arthur J. Corwin.  
 1893. Eugene R. Russell.  
 1894. Loren H. Brooks.  
 1895. Irving E. Worden.  
 1896. Charles P. Burley, Jr.  
 1897. Fred M. Hills.  
 1898. John A. Brendell.  
 1899. John A. Brendell.

1900. John Sloane.  
 1901. Marvin M. Hamilton.  
 1902. Edward M. Tothill.  
 1903. Edmund H. Austin.  
 1904. Edmund H. Austin.  
 1905. William S. Steele.  
 1906. Dana L. Jewell.  
 1907. Byron J. Both.  
 1908. Melvin P. Derby.  
 1909. Blanchard E. Hamilton.  
 1910. Lemuel A. Woodard.  
 1911. Willis Z. Georgia.

## OLD OAK LODGE, NO. 253.

### MILLPORT, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The original warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 7, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Old Oak Lodge was organized during the winter of 1851-52. On January 30, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation which was signed by the following:

Jonathan P. Couch.  
 Gabriel L. Smith.  
 Erastus Crandall.

Charles Benson.  
 Lemuel Hudson.  
 Patrick Quin.

John Durfey.

The officers nominated in the petition were:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
 JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
 GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.  
 ERASTUS CRANDALL, Treasurer.  
 LEMUEL HUDSON, Secretary.  
 PATRICK QUIN, Senior Deacon.  
 JOHN DURFEY, Junior Deacon.

The petition was recommended by Chemung Lodge, No. 131 (now Myrtle Lodge, No. 131).

On February 12, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
 JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
 GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held February 18, 1852, with the following as officers:

ALEXANDER FALLS, Master.  
 GABRIEL L. SMITH, Senior Warden.  
 FREDERICK PLUMB, Junior Warden.  
 ERASTUS CRANDALL, Treasurer.  
 LEMUEL HUDSON, Secretary.

The first applications for membership were received from E. O. Crandall, Nehemiah Shannon, De Grand N. Bedient and Walter L. Dailey. While working under dispensation ten candidates were initiated, seven passed and seven raised.

The officers named in the warrant were:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting after the warrant had been issued was held August 23, 1852, with the following officers:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.  
ERASTUS CRANDALL, Treasurer.  
NEHEMIAH SHANNON, Secretary.  
E. O. CRANDALL, Senior Deacon.  
WALTER L. DAILEY, Junior Deacon.  
LEWIS E. BONNEY, Tiler.

The Lodge owns the building in which it has quarters, which also contains a public hall which is rented for entertainments and public meetings.

On January 7, 1902, the Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in an appropriate manner.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Charles Benson.	1882. Civilian Brown.
1853. Gabriel L. Smith.	1883. John C. Fanton.
1854. De Grand N. Bedient.	1884. John C. Fanton.
1855. De Grand N. Bedient.	1885. Alonzo Tift.
1856. Edwin W. Howell.	1886. Frank A. Malette.
1857. Edwin W. Howell.	1887. Frank A. Malette.
1858. Edwin W. Howell.	1888. Frank A. Malette.
1859. George W. Pratt.	1889. John C. Fanton.
1860. Edwin W. Howell.	1890. Frank A. Malette.
1861. Timothy D. Jones.	1891. Civilian Brown.
1862. Timothy D. Jones.	1892. Frank A. Malette.
1863. Timothy D. Jones.	1893. Leonard Dailey.
1864. Timothy D. Jones.	1894. Leonard Dailey.
1865. Timothy D. Jones.	1895. Leonard Dailey.
1866. Timothy D. Jones.	1896. Leonard Dailey.
1867. Timothy D. Jones.	1897. Frank A. Malette.
1868. Timothy D. Jones.	1898. Frank A. Malette.
1869. Timothy D. Jones.	1899. Ely Rosecrans.
1870. Timothy D. Jones.	1900. Frank A. Malette.
1871. Timothy D. Jones.	1901. Leonard Dailey.
1872. Timothy D. Jones.	1902. Marcus M. Parsons.
1873. Timothy D. Jones.	1903. Marcus M. Parsons.
1874. Timothy D. Jones.	1904. Leonard Dailey.
1875. John C. Fanton.	1905. Leonard Dailey.
1876. John C. Fanton.	1906. Leonard Dailey.
1877. John J. Fowler.	1907. Frank A. Malette.
1878. John C. Fanton.	1908. Anson A. Ostrander.
1879. John C. Fanton.	1909. Frank A. Malette.
1880. George M. Beard.	1910. Anson A. Ostrander.
1881. Frank A. Malette.	1911. Charles H. Ostrander.



## WALWORTH LODGE, NO. 254.

## WALWORTH, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 8, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Not intact.

Walworth Lodge was organized in December, 1851, by some survivors of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 321.

The petition dated December 30, 1851, is signed by the following:

Abel Wyman.  
Tappin Merrill.  
John Findley.  
Nathaniel Bates.

Jones Findley.  
William D. Wylie.  
Isaac Barnhart.  
Thomas Bancroft.

All of these petitioners were formerly members of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 321.

The petition nominated as officers:

ABEL WYMAN, Master,  
JONES FINDLEY, Senior Warden,  
TAPPIN MERRILL, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Penfield Union Lodge, No. 154.

On January 8, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held February 3, 1852, with the following as officers:

ABEL WYMAN, Master.  
JONES FINDLEY, Senior Warden.  
TAPPIN MERRILL, Junior Warden.  
JOHN FINDLEY, Treasurer.  
WILLIAM D. WYLIE, Secretary.  
NATHANIEL BATES, Senior Deacon.  
ISAAC BARNHART, Junior Deacon.  
GEORGE GRIMES, Tiler.

At this meeting petitions for degrees were received from Charles Wyman, Vilinder Nimes, James G. Sheffield, Joseph P. Smith and John A. Horner.

The first initiate was Charles Wyman.

The warrant issued June 8, named as officers:

ABEL WYMAN, Master,  
JONES FINDLEY, Senior Warden,  
TAPPIN MERRILL, Junior Warden,

and on June 24th the officers were publicly installed by William E. Lathrop, and an address was delivered by Rev. William E. Goodwin, D.D.

The Lodge is located in its own building, the first story being rented for business purposes and the upper story is fitted exclusively for the use of the Lodge.

In October, 1878, these quarters were dedicated by R. W. JOHN

VANDENBERG, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by R. W. JOHN G. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain.

Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 321, the predecessor of Walworth Lodge, was organized during the fall of 1818. The petition dated September 10th was signed by the following:

Thomas Bancroft.  
Alpheus Nims.  
Daniel Douglass.  
Noah Norton.  
Thomas Tumpshall.  
Adanijah Blackman.  
Enos Palmer.  
Reuben Jennings.  
Milton Wooster.

Aaron Rice.  
Benjamin Hill.  
George Mathewson.  
Samuel B. Bradley.  
Elijah Baker.  
Daniel Mathewson.  
Leceister Robbins.  
Daniel Ethridge.  
Samuel Sabins.

The petition nominated as officers:

JAMES BUCKLEY, Master.  
RHODOLPHUS GRANDY, Senior Warden.  
ASAHEL HAZELTON, Junior Warden.

The petitioners were formerly members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 112, and Pultneyville Lodge, No. 201, and both of these Lodges recommended the petition. The petition was read in Grand Lodge March 3, 1819, and on March 8th a warrant was issued.

The Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by Ira Selby on June 18, 1819:

JAMES BUCKLEY, Master.  
RHODOLPHUS GRANDY, Senior Warden.  
ASAHEL HAZELTON, Junior Warden.  
ELIJAH BAKER, Treasurer.  
DANIEL DOUGLASS, Secretary.  
GEORGE MATHEWSON, Senior Deacon.  
ENOS PALMER, Junior Deacon.  
LEICESTER ROBBINS, }  
DANIEL ETHRIDGE, } Stewards.  
ISAAC JENNINGS, Tiler.

The last returns of the Lodge on file are dated June, 1831; it then had twenty-one members.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Abel Wyman.  
1853. Jones Findley.  
1854. Thomas Mitchell.  
1855. Abel Wyman.  
1856. William D. Wylie.  
1857. Vilinder Nims.  
1858. Abel Wyman.  
1859. Abel Wyman.  
1860. Ammi C. Smith.  
1861. Abel Wyman.  
1862. Abel Wyman.  
1863. Isaac Durfee.  
1864. Isaac Durfee.  
1865. Lewis R. Lombard.  
1866. Isaac Durfee.  
1867. Isaac Durfee.  
1868. J. Jay White.

1869. Isaac Durfee.  
1870. J. Jay White.  
1871. J. Jay White.  
1872. William B. White.  
1873. William B. White.  
1874. J. Jay White.  
1875. J. Jay White.  
1876. J. Jay White.  
1877. Harrison J. Foskett.  
1878. Harrison J. Foskett.  
1879. Harrison J. Foskett.  
1880. Isaac Durfee.  
1881. Harrison J. Foskett.  
1882. Julian J. Findley.  
1883. Julian J. Findley.  
1884. Julian J. Findley.  
1885. Julian J. Findley.

1886. Charles Reeves.	1899. Walter B. Slade.
1887. Charles Reeves.	1900. James Clark.
1888. John H. Plyter.	1901. James Clark.
1889. Charles H. Reeves.	1902. James Clark.
1890. Charles H. Reeves.	1903. Walter B. Slade.
1891. Hiram McKee.	1904. Clarence B. Palmer.
1892. Edward M. Rodenberger.	1905. George Patterson.
1893. Edward M. Rodenberger.	1906. George Patterson.
1894. Edward M. Rodenberger.	1907. Fred M. Daansen.
1895. Clarence B. Palmer.	1908. Jacob Pembroke.
1896. Clarence B. Palmer.	1909. Jacob Pembroke.
1897. Clarence B. Palmer.	1910. Richard B. McOmber.
1898. Walter B. Slade.	1911. Richard B. McOmber.

### LIVING STONE LODGE, NO. 255.

#### COLDEN, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 9, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Living Stone Lodge was organized at Colden, N. Y., during the early part of 1852. The petition asking for a dispensation is dated April 14, 1852, and is signed by the following:

A. H. Enos.	A. K. Tyler.
Oliver Dutton.	S. O. Gould.
Thomas Buffum.	A. Holt.
N. M. Holt.	Comfort Knapp.
Abijah Smith.	John Brooks.
Asa Gould.	John Church.

The petition nominated as officers:

SYLVANUS O. GOULD, Master,  
OLIVER DUTTON, Senior Warden,  
ASA K. TYLER, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Erie Lodge, No. 161, at a meeting held April 26, 1852.

On April 29, 1852, a dispensation was issued by Nelson Randall, Deputy Grand Master, which named the same officers as nominated in the petition, and they were continued in the warrant.

The Lodge has had four meeting places; it remained in its first meeting place about five years, in its second meeting place until 1883, when it moved to its third meeting place, remaining there twenty years, when it moved into its present quarters.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John M. Wiley, Congressman.	Orlin J. Colburn, Supervisor.
William B. Currier, Assemblyman.	Robert G. Crump, Supervisor.
George W. Nichols, U. S. Consul,	Dexter E. Folsom, Supervisor.
Clifton, Ont.	John P. Underhill, Supervisor.
Wesley C. Dudley, District Attorney.	Richard E. Bowen, Supervisor.

## MASTERS.

1852. Sylvanus O. Gould.	1882. Harrison Vanderlip.
1853. Sylvanus O. Gould.	1883. Harrison Vanderlip.
1854. Sylvanus O. Gould.	1884. Alpheus H. Hays.
1855. Richard S. Shelley.	1885. Alpheus H. Hays.
1856. Richard S. Shelley.	1886. William C. Miller.
1857. Richard S. Shelley.	1887. William C. Miller.
1858. Richard S. Shelley.	1888. Alpheus H. Hays.
1859. Thomas Buffum.	1889. Beverley M. Stanton.
1860. Ridley Cole.	1890. Orville C. Strong.
1861. Ridley Cole.	1891. Orville C. Strong.
1862. Ridley Cole.	1892. Dexter E. Folsom.
1863. Thomas Buffum.	1893. Beverley M. Stanton.
1864. Caspian R. Morrow.	1894. Alpheus H. Hays.
1865. Caspian R. Morrow.	1895. Mark Whiting.
1866. Caspian R. Morrow.	1896. James R. Lewis.
1867. Caspian R. Morrow.	1897. George H. Blanchard.
1868. Robert McClure.	1898. William W. Shelley.
1869. George W. Nichols.	1899. William W. Shelley.
1870. Dexter E. Folsom.	1900. Maurice L. Doty.
1871. Dexter E. Folsom.	1901. Maurice L. Doty.
1872. Dexter E. Folsom.	1902. William B. Currier.
1873. George W. Nichols.	1903. William B. Currier.
1874. Mark Whiting.	1904. Harlow Shelley.
1875. Mark Whiting.	1905. Maurice L. Doty.
1876. Harrison Vanderlip.	1906. Harlow Shelley.
1877. Harrison Vanderlip.	1907. William B. Currier.
1878. Byron A. Churchill.	1908. Leon M. Pierce.
1879. John P. Underhill.	1909. Leon M. Pierce.
1880. Orville C. Strong.	1910. Albert G. Braun.
1881. Byron A. Churchill.	1911. Maurice L. Doty.

## FORT BREWERTON LODGE, NO. 256.

## BREWERTON, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 10, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On December 29, 1851, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, to the following petitioners for a Lodge at Brewerton to be called Fort Brewerton:

John Baum.	Henry B. Keeler.
James J. Anderson.	George Walkup.
Philip Carter.	Isaac Baum.
Robert Elliott.	Artemas Baum.
Joseph Bentley.	Thomas Warner.
Eben D. Tackey.	Elijah Evans.
	Peter Phillips.

The dispensation named as officers:

JOHN BAUM, Master.  
 HENRY B. KEELER, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES J. ANDERSON, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Syracuse Lodge, No. 102 (now No. 501).

The first meeting place under the dispensation was in the office of Henry B. Keeler, January 3, 1852, with the following as officers :

JOHN BAUM, Master.  
 HENRY B. KEELER, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES J. ANDERSON, Junior Warden.  
 ASA EASTWOOD, Treasurer.  
 GEORGE WALKUP, Secretary.  
 ISAAC BAUM, Senior Deacon.  
 ROBERT ELLIOTT, Junior Deacon.  
 ARTEMAS BAUM, }  
 ELIJAH EVANS, } Stewards.

The first applicant for degrees was Frederick W. Weeks, who was also the first initiate.

The Lodge worked regularly until the warrant was issued, June 10, 1852.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS.

John Baum.	Henry B. Keeler.
James J. Anderson.	George Walkup.
Philip Carter.	Eben E. Tackey.
Abraham Baum.	Cornelius Van Alstyne.
Artemas Baum.	Elijah Evans.
Peter Phillips.	Robert Elliott.
Isaac Baum.	Joseph Bentley.
John Winigar.	David Shafer.

The first meeting under the warrant was held June 15, 1852, with the following officers :

JOHN BAUM, Master.  
 HENRY B. KEELER, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES J. ANDERSON, Junior Warden.  
 PHILIP CARTER, Treasurer.  
 GEORGE WALKUP, Secretary.  
 ISAAC BAUM, Senior Deacon.  
 ABRAHAM BAUM, Junior Deacon.  
 F. W. MILES, }  
 JOSEPH BENTLEY, } Stewards.  
 ABNER AUBINGER, Tiler.

The first regular meeting place was in the Fort Brewerton House on the north side of the Oneida River, where it remained until December, 1852, when it moved into a building on the south side of the river, located on Main Street near Railroad Street, and known for a time as the Masonic Hall. In August, 1864, this building was destroyed by fire, and the Lodge was temporarily quartered in Odd Fellows Hall at Centre Square, where it remained until November, 1865, when it returned to Brewerton and was located on the corner of Baldwin and Main streets. In January, 1870, it moved on the corner of Main and Railroad streets. In 1908 the Lodge erected a Masonic Temple on a plot it has purchased on the corner of Main and Washington streets. The corner-stone of this building was laid by R. W. JAY B. KLINE, Past District Deputy Grand Master, May, 2, 1908, and November 28, of the same year it was dedicated by M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, Grand Master.

The Temple is a two-story structure, the Lodge having quarters on the second floor, the main or first story is fitted with a large assembly hall for public entertainments, etc.

## MASTERS.

1852. John Baum.	1882. Frank A. Strong.
1853. John Baum.	1883. Frank A. Strong.
1854. John Baum.	1884. W. Monroe Pierce.
1855. Isaac Baum.	1885. W. Monroe Pierce.
1856. Isaac Baum.	1886. Frank A. Strong.
1857. Isaac Baum.	1887. James E. Livingston.
1858. Frederick Hibbard.	1888. W. Monroe Pierce.
1859. William Caldwell.	1889. James E. Livingston.
1860. William Caldwell.	1890. Smith Soule.
1861. Frank A. Strong.	1891. Smith Soule.
1862. Frank A. Strong.	1892. Smith Soule.
1863. Frank A. Strong.	1893. Charles R. Rogers.
1864. Edward N. Emmons.	1894. Charles R. Rogers.
1865. Edward N. Emmons.	1895. Frederick Platto, Sr.
1866. Edward N. Emmons.	1896. Frederick Platto, Sr.
1867. William Pullen.	1897. Eben G. Gale.
1868. Carlos T. Greenleaf.	1898. Eben G. Gale.
1869. Carlos T. Greenleaf.	1899. Eben G. Gale.
1870. Frank A. Strong.	1900. Charles H. Livingston.
1871. Frank A. Strong.	1901. Charles H. Livingston.
1872. Frank A. Strong.	1902. Charles H. Livingston.
1873. Frank A. Strong.	1903. Charles H. Livingston.
1874. Frank A. Strong.	1904. Charles H. Livingston.
1875. Frank A. Strong.	1905. James Keating.
1876. Frank A. Strong.	1906. Smith Soule.
1877. Frank A. Strong.	1907. George W. Moore.
1878. Frank A. Strong.	1908. George W. Moore.
1879. Frank A. Strong.	1909. George W. Moore.
1880. W. Monroe Pierce.	1910. Lewis Fancher.
1881. W. Monroe Pierce.	1911. Lewis Fancher.

## MOUNT NEBOH LODGE, NO. 257.

## NEW YORK CITY.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 11, 1852.

Name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

At the time Mount Neboh Lodge was organized there were two Grand Bodies claiming jurisdiction in New York City, one presided over by Oscar Coles and the other presided over by Isaac Phillips.

At the same time Mechanic Lodge, No. 31 (now Lotus, No. 31) was dormant. In the month of February, 1852, an effort was made to revive the warrant of Mechanic Lodge, and on the 23d of that month a dispensation was issued to several members of the Lodge by M. W. ISAAC PHILLIPS.

Scarcely had this been accomplished when a change of heart appears to have come over these Brethren as they prepared and signed the following petition:

"The undersigned members of Mechanic Lodge, No. 31, hereby acknowledge Bro. Oscar Coles as the legal Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge of the State of New York, and empower Bro. W. K. Frank to get a dispensation from the W. G. M. Oscar Coles for a Lodge to be known under name, style and title of Mt. Neboh, No. —, to meet on Friday evening next, the 28th of March, at No. 56 Orchard Street, and to request the said W. G. M. to attend next Friday evening 7 o'clock, for the purpose of dedicating the room.

W. K. Frank.  
L. Lederer.  
Henry Jones.  
J. Mitchels, M.D.

H. Hildeburghauser.  
Isaac Dittenhorfer.  
L. Frank.  
G. Rosenblatt.

Isaac Bachman."

Endorsed on the petition is the following :

"The above petitions are vouched for as having been made, prior to the suspension of the Lodge in 1850, by W. K. Frank, and he promises in their behalf a strict adherence to the constitution and general regulations.

"The petition is granted free of charge. The original dispensation granted by Herring is retained.

"OSCAR COLES."

The petition was recommended by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, and on March 24, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, which named as officers :

WOLFE K. FRANK, Master.  
HYMAN HILDEBURGHAUSER, Senior Warden.  
LEOPOLD LEDERER, Junior Warden.

On March 26th, at No. 56 Orchard Street, M. W. OSCAR COLES instituted the Lodge and installed the officers named in the dispensation together with the following :

MOSES SCHLOSS, Treasurer.  
HENRY JONES, Secretary.  
JAMES MITCHELS, Senior Deacon.  
GOTLIEB ROSENBLATT, }  
ISAAC BACHMAN, } Masters of Ceremonies.  
JAMES STEWART, Tiler.

At the same meeting Isaac Nerdlinger, Leopold Wickert and Abel C. Simmons were proposed for degrees, and Sigmund Waterman, Moses Schloss, Jonas Heller and Abram Gunst were admitted as affiliates. A code of By-Laws was also adopted. Moses Schloss, one of the affiliates, offered to loan the Lodge a set of jewels "until the finances of the Lodge improved."

The minutes state that "the offer was thankfully accepted."

On April 9th Jacob Nerlinger and Leopold Wickert were initiated, they being the first candidates initiated by the Lodge.

On April 23d the Lodge entertained M. W. AVERY C. BABCOCK, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, who delivered the first degree lecture for the Lodge.

On June 11, 1852, the warrant was issued which named as officers the same Brethren who had acted as such under the dispensation.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS.

Wolfe K. Frank.  
Leopold Lederer.  
Henry Jones.

Levy Frank.  
G. Rosenblatt.  
Jonas Heller.

Leopold Cashland.  
Hyman Hildburghauser.  
Isaac Dittenhorfer.  
James Mitchels.

Isaac Bachman.  
Sigmond Waterman.  
Philip W. Frank.  
E. W. Frank.

A. C. Moll.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at No. 56 Orchard Street, where it remained but a short time, when it moved to Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining there until 1869, when it moved to the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second Street.

In 1874 it moved to the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, remaining there until 1879, when it moved to the corner of Third Avenue and Fifty-seventh Street, remaining here until 1888, when it moved to the Bloomingdale building, corner of Third Avenue and Sixtieth Street, where it remained until 1892, when it moved to the Jaeger building, corner of Madison Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street. In 1897 it again moved; this time to the Lexington Opera House, corner of Third Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street, where it remained until 1905, when it moved into its present quarters in the Pabst building on Columbus Circle, Fifty-ninth Street.

The Lodge participated at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870, and the dedication of the Home at Utica, N. Y., October 5, 1892. It has also celebrated a number of important events in its own life, the most prominent was its fiftieth anniversary in 1902; at this time it contributed \$5,000 to charitable institutions.

From its inception the Lodge has generously contributed to the calls of charity, so much so that it has become noted for its charitable donations to deserving individuals as well as to philanthropic institutions, a thousand or more dollars being donated annually to charitable societies.

The business method in vogue in the Lodge is commendable, especially its financial affairs; for nearly fifteen years the Secretary reported at the annual meeting that every member has paid his dues in full; this condition of affairs in a Lodge with a membership of between six and seven hundred is worthy of record and reflects very much to the credit of the Secretary, R. W. ISIDOR METZGER, who has served in that office twenty-seven years.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Alexander Spaulding, Justice of Marine Court.  
Joseph Koch, State Senator.  
Isaac Sommers, Alderman.  
Randolph Guggenheimer, Pres. Board of Aldermen.  
Charles Leopold, Assemblyman.  
Adolph L. Sanger, Pres. Board of Education.

Samuel Strasbourger, Tax Commissioner.  
Israel L. Feinburg, Pres. Board of Coroners.  
Herman Hellenstein, Coroner.  
Jacob Shongut, Coroner.  
Solomon Oppenheimer, Civil Magistrate.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Joseph Koch, Grand Marshal.  
Levi Samuels, District Deputy Grand Master.  
Isidor Metzger, Grand Sword Bearer.

Rudolph Grossman, Grand Chaplain.  
Abraham Levy, Grand Standard Bearer.  
Mortimer Metzger, Grand Sword Bearer.



## MASTERS,

1852. Wolfe K. Frank.	1882. Julius J. Frank.
1853. Wolfe K. Frank.	1883. Isaac A. Englehard.
1854. Philip W. Frank.	1884. Otto Horwitz.
1855. Philip W. Frank.	1885. Bernard Loth.
1856. Philip W. Frank.	1886. Herman Mendel.
1857. Philip W. Frank.	1887. Henry S. Herrmann.
1858. Philip W. Frank.	1888. Henry S. Herrmann.
1859. Philip W. Frank.	1889. William B. Filer.
1860. Edward W. Frank.	1890. William B. Filer.
1861. Bernard Silverman.	1891. Leopold Stern.
1862. Philip W. Frank.	1892. Simon Fry.
1863. Philip W. Frank.	1893. Simon Fry.
1864. Joseph Sulzberger.	1894. Benjamin F. Rees.
1865. Joseph Sulzberger.	1895. Rudolph Grossman.
1866. David M. Koehler.	1896. Levi Samuels.
1867. Bernard Silverman.	1897. Harry T. Huchberger.
1868. Bernard Silverman.	1898. Harry T. Huchberger.
1869. Joseph Koch.	1899. Louis Jerkowski.
1870. Joseph Koch.	1900. Louis Jerkowski.
1871. Abraham J. Semel.	1901. Charles A. Brodek.
1872. Abraham J. Semel.	1902. Adam Wiener.
1873. Joseph Fox.	1903. Adam Wiener.
1874. Joseph Fox.	1904. Fred Herrmann.
1875. Levi Samuels.	1905. Fred Herrmann.
1876. Levi Samuels.	1906. Abraham Levy.
1877. David Wile.	1907. Abraham Levy.
1878. David Wile.	1908. William Hanauer.
1879. Isidor Metzger.	1909. Mortimer Metzger.
1880. Isidor Metzger.	1910. Claude A. Prager.
1881. Julius J. Frank.	1911. Benjamin Bangser.

## MACEDONIA LODGE, NO. 258.

## BOLIVAR, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 12, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Macedonia Lodge was organized in February, 1852; on the 14th of that month a petition was prepared and signed by the following:

S. G. S. Rowley.	S. W. Thomas.
A. G. Williams.	Joseph Norse.
James M. Curtis.	Orra Millard.
S. S. Buckley.	Robert Almy.

Samuel Perkins.

The petition named as officers:

SETH G. S. ROWLEY, Master,  
STEPHEN W. THOMAS, Senior Warden,  
ALPHEUS G. WILLIAMS, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Allegany Lodge, No. 225.

On February 20, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master. The first regular meeting was held in Odd Fellows Hall, March 10th, with the following as officers:

SETH G. S. ROWLEY, Master.  
STEPHEN W. THOMAS, Senior Warden.

ALPHEUS G. WILLIAMS, Junior Warden.  
 ROBERT ALMY, Treasurer.  
 SHELDON S. BUCKLEY, Secretary.  
 ORRA MILLER, Tiler.

On March 24th David G. Root and Wiloby Jaques were initiated; they being the first candidates initiated.

The Lodge continued to meet every two weeks until the warrant was issued June 12, 1852. The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed on August 11th by W.'. JEREMIAH HATCH, Master of Allegany Lodge, No. 225.

The officers were:

SETH G. S. ROWLEY, Master.  
 STEPHEN W. THOMAS, Senior Warden.  
 ALPHEUS G. WILLIAMS, Junior Warden.  
 ROBERT ALMY, Treasurer.  
 SHELDON S. BUCKLEY, Secretary.  
 GEORGE J. ADAMS, Senior Deacon.  
 PAUL A. HIX, Junior Deacon.  
 ALVEY WITHEY, Tiler.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in Odd Fellows' Hall, which was located in a hotel now known as the Clark House, where it remained until June, 1881. For a short time after this it had no regular place of meeting, but in June, 1882, it secured quarters in the A. C. Williams building, remaining there until October, 1891, when it moved into its present quarters in the Masonic Temple.

The corner-stone of the Temple was laid June 17, 1891, and on October 22, 1891, it was dedicated by R.'. W.'. GEORGE A. GREEN, District Deputy Grand Master.

Seth G. S. Rowley, the founder of the Lodge and its first Master, was a remarkable man and devoted Mason. He was born in Otsego County, N. Y., May 31, 1799; when twenty-one years of age he was made a Mason in Hesper Lodge, No. 237 (now extinct), in the Town of Preble, Cortland County, N. Y. In the same year he was made a Royal Arch Mason, and in 1884, at the age of eighty-five years, he was Knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 24, of Olean, N. Y. He died, October 15, 1894, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. For over seventy-four years he had been an active Mason and a highly respected citizen in the community in which he had lived the greater part of his life.

Another honored member of the Lodge is R.'. W.'. CHARLES H. BROWN, who served two terms as District Attorney of Allegany County, was U. S. Attorney for Western New York, and is now a Supreme Court Judge. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1897-98.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Seth G. S. Rowley.	1860. James M. Curtis.
1853. Seth G. S. Rowley.	1861. James M. Curtis.
1854. Stephen W. Thomas.	1862. James M. Curtis.
1855. Stephen W. Thomas.	1863. James M. Curtis.
1856. Stephen W. Thomas.	1864. James M. Curtis.
1857. James M. Curtis.	1865. James M. Curtis.
1858. Stephen W. Thomas.	1866. James M. Curtis.
1859. James M. Curtis.	1867. Alpheus G. Williams.

1868. Edgar W. Coles.	1890. Cassius M. Williams.
1869. Edgar W. Coles.	1891. John P. Calvert.
1870. Edgar W. Coles.	1892. Charles L. Jukes.
1871. Edgar W. Coles.	1893. Fred A. Hulbert.
1872. Edwin R. Milbury.	1894. Fred A. Hulbert.
1873. Stephen W. Thomas.	1895. Fred A. Hulbert.
1874. Arthur N. Carpenter.	1896. Fred A. Hulbert.
1875. Richard L. Andrus.	1897. Cyrus B. Montgomery.
1876. Richard L. Andrus.	1898. Cyrus B. Montgomery.
1877. Richard L. Andrus.	1899. Carlton R. Loomis.
1878. Stephen W. Thomas.	1900. Carlton R. Loomis.
1879. Issachar H. Mourhess.	1901. Carlton R. Loomis.
1880. Issachar H. Mourhess.	1902. Carlton R. Loomis.
1881. Issachar H. Mourhess.	1903. Clarence L. E. Lewis.
1882. Edgar W. Cowles.	1904. Clarence L. E. Lewis.
1883. Edgar W. Cowles.	1905. Reuben A. Mills.
1884. Edgar W. Cowles.	1906. Reuben A. Mills.
1885. Cassius M. Williams.	1907. Ralph N. Andrus.
1886. Charles H. Brown.	1908. Ralph N. Andrus.
1887. Charles H. Brown.	1909. Charles W. Young.
1888. John P. Calvert.	1910. Charles W. Young.
1889. Charles L. Jukes.	1911. Frank E. Taylor.

## SISCO LODGE, NO. 259.

## WESTPORT, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated August 15, 1876. The original warrant, issued June 13, 1852, was destroyed by fire August 15, 1876.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Not intact, all records prior to August 15, 1876, were destroyed by fire.

Sisco Lodge was organized in the town of Westport during the winter of 1851-52. A petition was prepared asking for a dispensation, which was signed by the following:

George H. Blinn.  
Ira Henderson,  
H. J. Person.  
John Bowers.

P. A. Durfey.  
C. B. Hatch.  
Charles Hatch.  
D. Holcomb.

E. Newell.

The petition nominated as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master,  
JOHN BOWERS, Senior Warden,  
C. B. HATCH, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Morning Sun Lodge, No. 142. Accompanying the petition was a note dated March 12, 1852, requesting "the privilege of initiating a doctor, a merchant, and the son of an innkeeper at the first meeting held after the dispensation is issued."

On March 24, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master.  
JOHN BOWERS, Senior Warden.  
C. B. HATCH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held in Rechabite Hall at Westport, April 7, 1852, when petitions for membership were received from Charles W. Hatch, Edwin R. Person and Asa P. Hammond. It may be assumed that these applicants were the parties mentioned in the note referred to.

On April 14th the Lodge completed its organization with the following as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master.  
JOHN BOWERS, Senior Warden.  
C. B. HATCH, Junior Warden.  
IRA HENDERSON, Treasurer.  
H. J. PERSON, Secretary.  
E. NEWELL, Senior Deacon.  
D. HOLCOMB, Junior Deacon.  
L. CADY, Tiler.

The three candidates proposed at the preceding meeting were elected and initiated. The first and third Wednesday in each month was selected as the time for holding the regular meetings of the Lodge.

On May 26th a code of By-Laws was adopted and a committee appointed to apply for a warrant.

The warrant issued June 13, 1852, named the same officers who had served under the dispensation.

The absence of the records of the Lodge shrouds its early life, and but little is known of its doings for a period of twenty-five years, save such information as may be gleaned from the records of the Grand Lodge. On June 6, 1856, upon request of the Lodge it was permitted to remove to Whallonsburgh. In 1858 it asked permission to remove to Essex, and on June 9, 1859, the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"RESOLVED, That so much of the report of the Committee on Warrants adopted June 4, 1858, giving Sisco Lodge permission to change its place of meeting from Whallonsburgh to the village of Essex be and the same is hereby rescinded."

In 1868 it again applied for permission to remove to Essex, the Committee on Warrants reported against the removal stating that "there being a great diversity of opinion among the members concerning the propriety thereof and the necessity for such removal not being apparent." In 1869 another effort was made to remove to Essex, and on June 4th the Grand Lodge referred the matter to the Grand Master for settlement.

On June 7, 1870, M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. JAMES GIBSON, Grand Master, reported that "the proofs and allegations of all interested in this question were fully and patiently heard and a vote of the Lodge was ordered to be taken at the time of the annual election of officers, and the vote was taken, but complaint being made, and it appearing that all of the members of the Lodge were not duly summoned to attend, all those not attending were allowed to vote in addition to those who had voted already. A two-third vote in favor of the change was not obtained, and the change for that, and other reasons, was not ordered."

In 1872 the Lodge again applied for permission to change its location, this time to the village of Westport, and on June 7th the Committee

on Warrants made a favorable report to the Grand Lodge, then in session, and permission was given for its removal to its present location at the village of Westport.

Since the Lodge was organized its territorial jurisdiction has been reduced by the creation of Lodges in the immediate vicinity, yet it has thrived and is in a prosperous condition.

Shortly after the fire in 1876 the Lodge erected a building in which it reserved the second story for its quarters; in doing this it incurred a heavy debt which very seriously embarrassed it in its work, especially in securing accessions to its membership.

Its quarters were dedicated September 20, 1877, by R. W. STEPHEN L. STILLMAN, District Deputy Grand Master. This event was a gala affair for the residents of the village and surrounding country. The District Deputy in his report of the event said: "On this occasion the Fraternity was well represented by large delegations from the surrounding Lodges, and by the presence of two Commanderies, De Soto, No. 49, of Plattsburgh, and Burlington, No. 2, of Burlington, Vt. In the dedicatory ceremonies I was ably assisted by R. W. HENRY CLARK, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and by the Masters of Lodges located in the vicinity of Westport."

After a brave but futile struggle by the Lodge to remove the incubus of debt it had incurred in the erection of this building, it was finally compelled to dispose of it, and now has quarters in the upper part of the building in which the U. S. Post Office is located.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John E. Osborn, Governor, State	James M. Graaff, Assemblyman.
of Wyoming.	W. H. Richardson, Assemblyman.
R. A. Loveland, State Senator.	

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

JOHN J. GREELEY, District Deputy Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1852. George H. Blinn.	1873. Philetus D. Merriam.
1853. George H. Blinn.	1874. Philetus D. Merriam.
1854. Asa P. Hammond.	1875. John J. Greeley.
1855. Asa P. Hammond.	1876. John J. Greeley.
1856. George H. Blinn.	1877. Philetus D. Merriam.
1857. Lewis Cady.	1878. John J. Greeley.
1858. Willet E. Rogers.	1879. John J. Greeley.
1859. Willet E. Rogers.	1880. Nelson J. Gibbs.
1860. John Burt, Jr.	1881. John J. Greeley.
1861. No returns.	1882. John J. Greeley.
1862. John Burt, Jr.	1883. John J. Greeley.
1863. No returns.	1884. Henry J. Stone.
1864. Eli W. Rogers.	1885. Henry J. Stone.
1865. John Burt, Jr.	1886. John J. Greeley.
1866. John Burt, Jr.	1887. John J. Greeley.
1867. Philetus D. Merriam.	1888. John J. Greeley.
1868. Philetus D. Merriam.	1889. George C. Osborn.
1869. Philetus D. Merriam.	1890. George C. Osborn.
1870. Philetus D. Merriam.	1891. George C. Osborn.
1871. Philetus D. Merriam.	1892. George C. Osborn.
1872. Philetus D. Merriam.	1893. John J. Greeley.

1894. John J. Greeley.  
 1895. John J. Greeley.  
 1896. John J. Greeley.  
 1897. Nelson J. Gibbs.  
 1898. John J. Greeley.  
 1899. John J. Greeley.  
 1900. John J. Greeley.  
 1901. John J. Greeley.  
 1902. Charles R. Holt.

1903. John J. Greeley.  
 1904. Charles R. Holt.  
 1905. David A. Clark.  
 1906. Warren E. Pattison.  
 1907. Warren E. Pattison.  
 1908. Willard R. Carey.  
 1909. Willard R. Carey.  
 1910. Dana Brasted.  
 1911. William S. White.

## MOUNT HOPE LODGE, NO. 260.

### FORT ANN, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 14, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

On December 27, 1851, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation for a Lodge at Fort Ann to be called Kossuth Lodge.

The petitioners were:

Almon Barlow.  
 John Sutherland.  
 Thomas McClure.  
 Joseph Bacon.  
 Asa Root.

James F. Coon.  
 Phipps H. Lamb.  
 J. W. B. Murray.  
 John T. Cox.  
 Joseph Barker.

William Weller

The petition named as officers:

JOHN T. COX, Master.

JOSEPH BACON, Senior Warden,

J. W. B. MURRAY, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Granville Lodge, No. 220 (now No. 55), and R. W. DAN S. WRIGHT, Senior Grand Warden.

Endorsed upon the petition is the following:

"Written to J. T. Cox insisting that the name be changed, Feb. 6, 1852."

This endorsement appears to have been made by the Grand Secretary, R. W. JAMES W. POWELL, but who objected to the name is unknown.

The following letter explains the action taken by the petitioners in answer to the request for a change in the name of the Lodge:

"FORT ANN, Feb'y 10, 1852.

"JAS. W. POWELL, Esq.

"Yours of the 6th inst. is received, the Brethren have selected a name which they hope will be satisfactory, believing there is no other Lodge by that name in the State.

"Mount Hope Lodge.

"Yours truly,  
 "JOHN T. COX,

"Per JOSEPH BACON."

The name selected by the petitioners was approved, and on February 12, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

JOHN T. COX, Master.

JOSEPH BACON, Senior Warden.

J. W. B. MURRAY, Junior Warden.

The warrant issued June 14 named the same officers. The other officers were:

ASA ROOT, Treasurer.  
 PHIPPS H. LAMB, Secretary.  
 WILLIAM WELLER, Senior Deacon.  
 THOMAS MCCLURE, Junior Deacon.  
 JOHN SUTHERLAND, }  
 ALMON BARLOW, } Stewards.  
 JOSEPH BARKER, Tiler.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in the Corning building, where it remained until January, 1869, when it moved into Washburn Hall, remaining here until December, 1876, when it moved into its present quarters in Finch Seal and Company's Hall.

The Lodge held "Jubilee" services on April 24, 1889, in honor of the payment of the "Great Debt." The principal feature of these services was an address by the Chaplain of the Lodge, Rev. Bro. E. Marsh.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891.

#### MASTERS.

1852. John T. Cox.	1882. Albert Howard.
1853. John T. Cox.	1883. Horace A. Stevens.
1854. John T. Cox.	1884. J. Quincy Ashley.
1855. Phipps H. Lamb.	1885. J. Quincy Ashley.
1856. Phipps H. Lamb.	1886. Charles A. Cramer.
1857. Phipps H. Lamb.	1887. Charles A. Cramer.
1858. Phipps H. Lamb.	1888. V. H. Stewart.
1859. Hosea B. Farr.	1889. J. Melvin Adams.
1860. Phipps H. Lamb.	1890. Martin H. Adams.
1861. Phipps H. Lamb.	1891. Martin H. Adams.
1862. Phipps H. Lamb.	1892. Edward Wall, Jr.
1863. Alanson Axtell.	1893. Edward Wall, Jr.
1864. Phipps H. Lamb.	1894. Leroy N. Smith.
1865. Phipps H. Lamb.	1895. John Hall.
1866. Phipps H. Lamb.	1896. John Hall.
1867. Phipps H. Lamb.	1897. Josiah S. Remington.
1868. Phipps H. Lamb.	1898. Josiah S. Remington.
1869. Phipps H. Lamb.	1899. Josiah S. Remington.
1870. Phipps H. Lamb.	1900. Martin H. Adams.
1871. Phipps H. Lamb.	1901. Martin H. Adams.
1872. Horace A. Stevens.	1902. Martin H. Adams.
1873. Horace A. Stevens.	1903. George E. Pierce.
1874. Horace A. Stevens.	1904. George E. Pierce.
1875. Horatio W. Brown.	1905. Carmi F. Goodman.
1876. Horace A. Stevens.	1906. Charles A. Vaughn.
1877. George W. Hull.	1907. Charles A. Vaughn.
1878. Horace A. Stevens.	1908. Charles M. Lynch.
1879. John Hall.	1909. Charles M. Lynch.
1880. John Hall.	1910. Frank L. Gillett.
1881. Horace A. Stevens.	1911. Frank L. Gillett.

## EVANS LODGE, NO. 261.

## ANGOLA, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 15, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

On January 7, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation for Evans Lodge at Evans, N. Y., and signed by the following:

Heman Daniels.	John Fairbanks.
Oren Catlin.	Whiting Cash.
Lambert G. Dingman.	Ira Joy.
Noah Sedgwick.	Horace Goodrich.
John F. Gazlay.	Arthur Sprague.
	David Fish.

The petition nominated as officers:

HEMAN DANIELS, Master,  
JOHN FAIRBANKS, Senior Warden.  
OREN CATLIN, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Erie Lodge, No. 161.

On February 3, 1852, a dispensation was issued by R. W. NELSON RANDALL, Deputy Grand Master.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held February 4, and on the 19th of that month the first candidate, Walter Morgan, was initiated.

While working under dispensation six candidates for membership were raised and four were admitted as affiliates.

On June 15th a warrant was issued which named as officers:

HEMAN DANIELS, Master,  
JOHN FAIRBANKS, Senior Warden,  
OREN CATLIN, Junior Warden,

and on July 10th the Lodge was constituted and the officers publicly installed in the M. E. Church by W. BENJAMIN H. AUSTIN, Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 105.

When first organized the Lodge met in Stray's Hall at Evans Center, where it remained until April, 1855, when it moved into the Baptist Church, which had been purchased by the Lodge. In October, 1855, it vacated these quarters and moved to Andrus's Hall at Evans Station (now Angola), remaining there until May, 1873, when it moved into the Union Block; these rooms were dedicated May 29th. In July, 1890, it moved into its present quarters over Lemmler's store, which is now known as the Masonic Hall. These quarters were dedicated October 24, 1890.

The Lodge has in its possession the warrant and some of the records of Erie Lodge, No. 491. This Lodge was organized in 1826; the petitioners were:

O. H. Dibble.	William Van Duser.
George Sweetland.	Harvey Keeler.
James E. Mack.	Samuel Bennett.
Stephen Sturdevant.	Aaron Salsbury.
Nicholas Beal.	Jonathan Dibble.

Arthur Johnson.



The first officers were:

O. H. DIBBLE, Master.  
 WILLIAM VAN DUSER, Senior Warden.  
 GEORGE SWEETLAND, Junior Warden.  
 STEPHEN STURDEVANT, Treasurer.  
 SAMUEL BENNETT, Secretary.  
 AARON SALSBURY, Senior Deacon.  
 NICHOLAS BEAL, Junior Deacon.  
 ARTHUR JOHNSON, Tiler.

The last recorded meeting was held December 27, 1827. A note on the records states that: "owing in part to the Lodge room being occupied and partly to neglect no further meetings had been held up to that date."

The warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 8, 1832.

Evans Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Buffalo, N. Y., July 26, 1891; at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891, the dedication of same, October 5, 1892, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Dunkirk, N. Y., June 27, 1908.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Robert G. Titus, Judge, Supreme Court.	Job Southwick, Assemblyman.
J. H. Andrus, County Clerk.	H. M. Bladell, Assemblyman.
D. C. Oatman, County Clerk.	Charles F. Goodman, State Senator, Nebraska.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Heman Daniels.	1882. Justin G. Thompson.
1853. John Fairbanks.	1883. Roselle U. Blackney.
1854. John Fairbanks.	1884. Roselle U. Blackney.
1855. John Fairbanks.	1885. Joseph H. Walker.
1856. Oren Catlin.	1886. Sewell L. Beckwith.
1857. Oren Catlin.	1887. Sewell L. Beckwith.
1858. Warren K. Russell.	1888. F. E. Blackney.
1859. James S. Stray.	1889. F. E. Blackney.
1860. Levi Aldrich.	1890. Henry J. Bangert.
1861. Chauncy Stone.	1891. Henry J. Bangert.
1862. Chauncy Stone.	1892. Henry J. Bangert.
1863. David Cook.	1893. Everett G. Wilcox.
1864. David Cook.	1894. Everett G. Wilcox.
1865. Charles F. Goodman.	1895. Nelson B. Wood.
1866. C. W. Morse.	1896. Nelson B. Wood.
1867. Thomas Faulks.	1897. Julius M. Schwert.
1868. Thomas Faulks.	1898. Julius M. Schwert.
1869. O. W. Beckwith.	1899. Frederick R. Maltby.
1870. O. W. Beckwith.	1900. Franklin J. Stone.
1871. Leroy M. Winslow.	1901. Franklin J. Stone.
1872. Leroy M. Winslow.	1902. Belden Wilcox.
1873. James M. Beman.	1903. Belden Wilcox.
1874. James M. Beman.	1904. Charles T. Roberts.
1875. Nathaniel Smith.	1905. Carroll D. Shaver.
1876. Leroy S. Oatman.	1906. Carroll D. Shaver.
1877. Horatio P. Muffitt.	1907. Edward A. Lemmler.
1878. Horatio P. Muffitt.	1908. Edward A. Lemmler.
1879. J. Mark Newton.	1909. Allen J. Bundy.
1880. J. Mark Newton.	1910. Allen J. Bundy.
1881. Justin G. Thompson.	1911. John H. Matteson.

## PHOENIX LODGE, NO. 262.

GOWANDA, N. Y.

**WARRANT:** The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 16, 1852.

**MINUTES:** Intact.

Phoenix Lodge was organized during the autumn of 1851; on November 14th a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and signed by the following:

Elias Hall.	Josiah Cass.
E. McMillan.	Samuel Aiken.
A. L. Chaffee.	David D. Parker.
William S. Herrick.	Dan Allen.
James Locke.	George H. Hall.

The petition nominated as officers:

ELIAS HALL, Master,  
WILLIAM S. HERRICK, Senior Warden,  
DAVID D. PARKER, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Hanover Lodge, No. 152.

On November 28, 1851, a dispensation was issued by NELSON RANDALL, Deputy Grand Master. The first meeting under the dispensation was held December 8th. In selecting a meeting place and time of meeting the following was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That our regular meetings be held in Gowanda, and for the present in the Odd Fellows Hall on Tuesday of the full of the moon or the first after, and also in two weeks from the meeting at or after the full of the moon at 2 o'clock P.M."

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until the warrant was issued in June.

The first meeting under the warrant was held August 3, 1852, when the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by W. ALBERT H. CAMP, Past Master of Hanover Lodge, No. 152:

ELIAS HALL, Master.  
WILLIAM S. HERRICK, Senior Warden.  
DAVID D. PARKER, Junior Warden.  
JAMES LOCKE, Treasurer.  
AMASA L. CHAFFEE, Secretary.  
SAMUEL AIKEN, Senior Deacon.  
JOSIAH CASE, Junior Deacon.  
GEORGE H. HALL, Tiler.

## CHARTER MEMBERS.

Elias Hall.	Ephraim McMillan.
Amasa L. Chaffee.	William H. Herrick.
James Locke.	Samuel Aiken.
David D. Parker.	George H. Hall.

The first meeting place was in Odd Fellows Hall (now known as the Crawford Annex), where it remained until November, 1884, when it moved into its present quarters, which were dedicated by M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master. In reporting this affair the Dis-

trict Deputy Grand Master, LAURENS G. RIPLEY, spoke of it as a most notable event. "The four hundred guests who assembled to witness the ceremonies, conducted by the Grand Master assisted by other members of the Grand Lodge, and who afterward gathered around the bounteous table spread in the adjoining Opera House, will abundantly testify as to the liberal and brotherly greeting extended to the visiting Brethren."

Elias Hall, the founder of the Lodge and its first Master, was made a Mason in 1802 in the State of New Hampshire. When Phoenix Lodge was organized he was seventy-three years of age. He died, September 2, 1868.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, N. Y., May 21, 1891; the dedication of same, October 5, 1892; the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Salamanca, N. Y., September 12, 1905, and the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Dunkirk, N. Y.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

William W. Welch, County Clerk.	Henry F. Allen, Judge, State Board of Claims.
Eugene A. Nash, Assemblyman.	Norman M. Allen, State Senator.
William Cooper, Jr., Sheriff.	Winfield S. Thrasher, County Judge.
William W. Henry, Sheriff.	William H. Stuart, Assemblyman.
James M. Congdon, Assemblyman.	
John J. Volk, Assemblyman.	

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Byron L. Kimble, District Deputy Grand Master.	Ira W. Livermore, District Deputy Grand Master.
Glenn M. Congdon, District Deputy Grand Master.	

#### MASTERS.

1852. Elias Hall.	1882. Byron L. Kimble.
1853. Elias Hall.	1883. Edward Etsler.
1854. William S. Herrick.	1884. Irving R. Leonard.
1855. William S. Herrick.	1885. Herbert F. Clark.
1856. David D. Parker.	1886. William N. Wallace.
1857. Augustus V. Lord.	1887. William N. Wallace.
1858. Augustus V. Lord.	1888. Ransom E. Moss.
1859. Harmon Kelly.	1889. Andrew C. Romer.
1860. Henry S. Stebbins.	1890. Asher C. Stafford.
1861. Joseph Savage.	1891. Asher C. Stafford.
1862. Henry S. Stebbins.	1892. Edward Etsler.
1863. Harmon Kelly.	1893. Frank C. Vinton.
1864. Harmon Kelly.	1894. Irving R. Leonard.
1865. James J. Starr.	1895. J. Peter Brueck.
1866. Harmon Kelly.	1896. J. Peter Brueck.
1867. Harmon Kelly.	1897. J. Peter Brueck.
1868. John S. Starr.	1898. Palmer H. Horton.
1869. Harmon Kelly.	1899. Glenn M. Congdon.
1870. William A. Fish.	1900. Glenn M. Congdon.
1871. William A. Fish.	1901. Jesse V. Crouch.
1872. William A. Fish.	1902. Jesse V. Crouch.
1873. William A. Fish.	1903. Fred E. Place.
1874. William Peacock.	1904. Fred E. Place.
1875. William A. Fish.	1905. Robert E. Congdon.
1876. William A. Fish.	1906. Robert E. Congdon.
1877. J. William Dauber.	1907. Ira W. Livermore.
1878. J. William Dauber.	1908. Ira W. Livermore.
1879. Andrew J. Peck.	1909. Fred E. Hawkins.
1880. Byron L. Kimble.	1910. Fred E. Hawkins.
1881. Byron L. Kimble.	1911. Clarence E. Potter.

The following letter, from R.: W.: ALBERT J. KRUGER, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Belgium, was read and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

ANTWERP, April 21, 1911.

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, ESQ.,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.: W.: Brother:* As the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of New York near the Grand Orient of Belgium, I take pleasure in reporting, that Freemasonry in Belgium is flourishing, all Lodges are in a prosperous condition and a proper spirit of harmony prevails. Masters and Brethren co-operate in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection and exert every effort to promote the best interests of the Fraternity. The one noble contention of "who best can work and best agree" exists among them, and Freemasonry educates the men "free in Thought, noble in Desire and joyful in Deed." They do all in their power to further enlightenment and instruction, to which the Church of Rome is opposed. The most intelligent among your Belgian Brethren—and their number is not small—give conferences in the different Lodges of the country on scientific, philosophical and social subjects, whereby they contribute largely to the enlightenment of the Brethren—for instance, on: Liberalism in religion—Individualism—The Criminal and Death Punishment—To form men and the modern method of education—The human thought—Spring, Youth, Love—The Guillotine—From the Atlantic to the Pacific—Benevolence—Progress—Moral Influence with the Sick—Impressions received at my initiation—Origin of Music—Nathan the Wise—Protection of Children in the schools, etc.

At the instigation of the priesthood, an Anti-Masonic League has been formed in Brussels, the members of which—creatures of the Jesuits—have to run about the country and lecture, etc., against the doctrines and against all forms and conditions of Masonry. With a view to undermine our noble institution, said creatures invent most extraordinary stories and assert that Masons are in league with the "Prince of Darkness."

Your Belgian Brethren are constantly exposed to the most unjust persecutions on the part of the Priesthood and their Subordinates, but they do not despair. They are convinced that Masonry stands for all that helps truth to victory, and that its glorious yet mysterious light of Freemasonry will shine in the End. They understand that it should be the rôle of Freemasonry to enlighten humanity, and that Freemasonry has a special mission to perform in all Catholic countries, namely, to free the enslaved minds from the shackles of tyranny. It is in this sense that the Belgian Masons have a great and noble mission to perform, and their task is not an easy one—they deserve every sympathy.

I believe to have communicated, in one of my former reports, that the Grand Orient of Belgium consists of Delegates appointed and commissioned by the various Lodges. Said Delegates elect among themselves the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers—all are elected for an office term of three years.

At a recent meeting of the newly commissioned Delegates, **BROTHER FERNAND COCQ**, Solicitor at the Brussels Court of Appeal, Senator of public instruction in St. Gilles, and Member of the Chamber of Representatives, has, by unanimous vote, been elected National Grand Master of Belgium for the term 1911-1913. **BROTHER COCQ** is possessed of excellent principles and has Freemasonry at heart—he is designated by the Brethren as “a Mason par excellence”—he commences his second term as Grand Master, after an interval of six years.

A very good choice has likewise been made in the election of **BROTHER CHARLES MAGNETTE** (Solicitor and Member of the Belgian Senate) as Deputy Grand Master, **BROTHER LEON HALLET** as Grand Orator, and **BROTHER EMILE PIRSCH** as Grand Secretary. They are all men of lofty attainments and in possession of those high traits of Character which Masonry inculcates. Supported by trusty officers, they will, I have no doubt, always use their best efforts to promote the interests of Freemasonry.

The installation of the newly-elected Grand Master took place on the 9th inst., on which occasion a great number of Brethren of the different Lodges, many distinguished Belgian Masons, and all accredited Grand Representatives were present.

As your Representative, I have on said occasion, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York, expressed hearty congratulations and sincerest wishes for continued happiness and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Belgium. The sentiments expressed by me have been most gratefully accepted by the Grand Master, who, at the same time, directed me to transmit to you, M. W. Sir, and to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New York the heartiest thanks of the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Belgium for the attention shown, and to assure them, that their Belgian Brethren entertain for them most sincere fraternal feelings—I beg of you, M. W. Sir, to kindly accept and convey the sentiments expressed by **BROTHER COCQ**.

It may interest you to know, that the W. Lodge “Anglo Belge,” Orient of Antwerp—consisting of English-speaking Brethren and working the ritual of the Grand Lodge of England—will receive the visit of the W. Master, Deputy W. Master, three Past Masters, one of the Wardens, one of the Deacons, and several of the Brethren of the old Lodge “Canongate Kilwinning,” No. 2, Orient of Edinburgh.

This Lodge has been founded in 1677, and is one of the oldest Lodges of Scotland. Our Scottish Brethren, who came as a delegation, have honored us by visits on previous occasions already. Their reception in Lodge “Anglo Belge” will be honored by the presence of the M. W. Grand Master and of the Sovereign Grand Commander of Belgium. In order to meet the wishes expressed by our Scottish Brethren, the Master Mason's Degree, in accordance with the ritual of the Grand Lodge of Belgium, will be exemplified on the evening of their reception by the Brethren of the “Anglo Belge.” On the day following, the M. W. Grand Master, and afterwards the Grand Commander, will offer our Scottish Brethren a hearty welcome in Brussels, and show them both Temples, etc. Some years ago the Brethren of Lodge “Canongate Kilwinning” honored **BROTHER the COUNT GOBLET D'ALVIELLA**, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Belgium, and your humble servant, by placing our names as Honorary Members on their Roll of Membership. The Lodge

"Anglo Belge" conferred Honorary Membership on BROTHER ALFRED A. MURRAY, Past Master of "Canongate Kilwinning" and Past Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire. Thus Belgian and Scottish Masons are linked together by more than an ordinary tie of Freemasonry.

Please accept my congratulations upon the great success that has attended your administration, and kindly convey to your Grand Officers and Brethren my personal respect and my good wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

With cordial greeting, and assurances of high personal esteem,  
Fraternally yours,

ALBERT J. KRUGER.

M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN submitted the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution, which was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution:

Amend Section 3 by adding after the words, "Custodians of the Work," "the Superintendent of the Masonic Home."

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## STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THIS SESSION.

### CREDENTIALS.

M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary.

W. HENRY C. BADGLEY, Master Commonwealth Lodge, No. 409.

W. JOHN A. DERTHICK, Master Minerva Lodge, No. 792.

### JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Past Grand Master.

M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Past Grand Master.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, Past Grand Master.

M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, Past Grand Master.

### CHARTERS.

R. W. JOSEPH FITCH, Past D.D.G.M. 1st District.

R. W. HERMAN H. GERNER, Past Grand Sword Bearer.

R. W. THEODORE C. LEFEVRE, Past D. D. G. M. 8th District.

R. W. FRANK RICHARDSON, Past D. D. G. M. 20th District.

R. W. EDWARD C. EHLERS, Past Senior Grand Deacon.

R. W. HARRY C. WALKER, Past D. D. G. M. 28th District.

R. W. JOHN F. HALSTEAD, Past D. D. G. M. 13th District.

W. WILLIAM A. ROWAN, Past Master Ancient Lodge, No. 724.

W. JEROME L. CHENEY, Past Master Central City Lodge, No. 305.

## FINANCE.

- M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. OTTO ANDREAE, Past D. D. G. M. 4th District.  
R. W. ENSIGN S. HOMER, Past D. D. G. M. 17th District.

## PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

- R. W. HENRY B. PRUSEB, Past Grand Marshal.  
R. W. WILLIAM C. PRIME, Past D. D. G. M. 12th District.  
R. W. WILLIAM J. HUTCHEON, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

## CHARITY.

- M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. SAMUEL H. STERNBERG, Past D.D.G.M. 6th District.  
R. W. AMOS H. STEPHENS, Past D. D. G. M. 8th District.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

# Grand Lodge.

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The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Wednesday morning, May 3, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911, at nine o'clock.

Present M.: W.: ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R.: W.: HORACE W. SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and the names contained therein ordered placed upon the roll as representatives of the several Lodges at this Annual Communication.

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee respectfully report that the following Lodges are entitled to be represented at this Annual Communication by the Brethren hereinafter named :

1 ST. JOHN'S.....	Edwin H. Wendell.....	Master.
2 IND. ROYAL ARCH.....	Charles P. Maury.....	Master.
3 MT. VERNON.....	Elbert L. Kemp.....	Master.
4 ST. PATRICK'S.....	Alfred D. Dennison.....	Master.
5 MASTERS'.....	Jesse A. White.....	Master.
6 ST. GEORGE'S.....	Marcus E. France.....	Master.
7 HUDSON.....	George W. Harris.....	Master.
8 HOLLAND.....	Gordon K. Bell.....	Master.
9 UNITY.....	Wallace W. Walker.....	Master.
10 KINGSTON.....	Frank B. Seeley.....	Master.
11 ANTIQUITY.....	Lewis C. Andrews.....	Master.
12 TRINITY.....	Charles Vetter.....	Master.
13 APOLLO.....	Richard L. Lisle.....	Master.



14	TEMPLE.....	George H. Yakel .....	Master. .
15	WESTERN STAR.....	Grant E. Pugh.....	Master.
16	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	Charles S. James.....	Master.
17	L'UNION FRANÇAISE.....	Charles Bickard.....	S. Warden.
19	FORTITUDE.....	August F. Luca.....	Master.
20	PIONEER.....	Alexander Mc Intosh.....	Master.
21	WASHINGTON.....	Ebenezer Fall.....	S. Warden.
22	ST. JOHN'S.....	J. Finley Wark.....	Master.
23	ADELPHI.....	Harry R. Mooney.....	Master.
26	ALBION.....	William C. Davis.....	Master.
27	MT. MORIAH.....	Henry M. Levin.....	Master.
28	BENEVOLENT.....	James F. Elder.....	Master.
30	DIRIGO.....	Charles H. Shulman.....	Master.
31	LOTUS.....	Robert A. Stephenson.....	Master.
32	WARREN.....	F. V. Graham.....	J. Warden.
33	ARK.....	William D. Wertman.....	S. Warden.
34	COURTLANDT.....	Harold D. Warhurst.....	Master.
35	HOWARD.....	Penshaw Smith.....	J. Warden.
39	OLIVE BRANCH.....	William A. Heaman.....	Master.
40	OLIVE BRANCH.....	Joseph Steckel.....	Master.
41	STLVAN.....	Volney Odell.....	Master.
44	EVENING STAR.....	Frank W. Dickey.....	Master.
46	HUGUENOT.....	George A. Fisher.....	Master.
47	UTICA.....	Fred E. Lewis.....	Master.
48	ARK.....	Austin W. Barber.....	S. Warden.
49	WATERTOWN.....	Frank Wenzel.....	Master.
50	CONCORD.....	William K. Farrer.....	Master.
51	FIDELITY.....	James L. Murphy.....	Master.
53	BROWNVILLE.....	Albert J. Fowler.....	Master.
54	GERMAN UNION.....	Gustav Gnam.....	Master.
55	GRANVILLE.....	Charles H. Barnard.....	J. Warden
56	ST. ALBANS.....	Caleb D. Hoyt.....	Master.
58	PHENIX.....	Albert M. Bowman.....	Master.
60	SUFFOLK.....	William H. Baylis.....	Master.
62	MANHATTAN.....	Perry S. Lawrence.....	Master.
63	MORTON.....	Walter R. Jones.....	Master.
64	LA FAYETTE.....	Ernest K. Hill.....	Master.
65	MORNING STAR.....	Lucius A. Waldo.....	Master.
66	RICHMOND.....	Edward P. Doyle.....	Master.
67	MARINERS'.....	John K. Campbell.....	Master.
68	MONTGOMERY.....	Thomas B. Walling.....	Master.
69	NAVAL.....	David H. Munroe.....	Master.
70	JOHN HANCOCK.....	John C. Fischer.....	Master.
73	LOCKPORT.....	Frank F. Searles.....	Master.
75	EVENING STAR.....	David A. Tomlinson.....	Master.
79	HAMILTON.....	George H. Tilton.....	Master.
82	PHOEBUS.....	Arthur W. Morse.....	Master.
83	NEWARK.....	Jared A. Reed.....	Master.
84	ARTISAN.....	Charles W. Clarke.....	Master.
85	WASHINGTON.....	Franklin B. Fuld.....	Master.
86	PYTHAGORAS.....	Charles Renzland.....	Master.
87	SCHODACK UNION.....	John L. Ederer.....	Master.

90	FRANKLIN.....	Milton W. Rord.....	Master.
91	KING SOLOMON'S PRIMITIVE.....	George L. Wenzell.....	Master.
92	MILITARY.....	Moses M. Robinson.....	Master.
94	STRICT OBSERVANCE.....	Adolph C. Hottenroth.....	Master.
95	UNION.....	George Vockroth.....	Master.
96	PHOENIX.....	Emmett J. Gray.....	Master.
97	RENOVATION.....	R. Pello Stillman.....	Proxy.
98	COLUMBIA.....	Jerry Browning.....	Master.
103	RISEING SUN.....	Willim T. Lansing.....	Master.
104	LEWIS.....	George W. Ferris.....	Master.
105	HIRAM.....	Ernest A. Hazell.....	Master.
106	MANITOU.....	Charles W. Gould.....	Master.
107	NORTH STAR.....	E. Gay Brush.....	Master.
108	MILO.....	Harry O. Bennett.....	Master.
109	VALLEY.....	Alfred C. Gunkler.....	Master.
110	SOPIO.....	Henry Morgan.....	Master.
111	ST. LAWRENCE.....	Charles W. Lewis.....	Master.
112	STEBURN.....	Henry O. Elkins.....	Master.
113	SENECA.....	Wilber E. Schott.....	Master.
114	UNION.....	Morrison E. Brown.....	Master.
115	PHOENIX.....	Peter W. Korshner.....	Master.
116	COHOES.....	Andrew Scotland.....	Master.
117	PAINTED POST.....	Harry H. Pratt.....	Master.
118	ADDISON UNION.....	Samuel C. Erwin.....	Master.
119	OASIS.....	Claude V. White.....	Master.
120	HAMILTON.....	Herbert C. Williamson.....	Master.
121	GLENS FALLS.....	William E. Lawrence.....	Master.
122	MT. MORRIS.....	Edward W. Creveling.....	Master.
123	DUNDEE.....	Roy R. Roberts.....	Master.
124	ST. PAUL'S.....	George M. McCarthy.....	Master.
126	EASTERN LIGHT.....	Raymond F. Elliott.....	Master.
127	OSWEGO.....	William P. Burr.....	Master.
128	OGDENSBURG.....	S. Henry Hoskins.....	Master.
129	SANGER.....	William F. Suters.....	Master.
130	PORT BYRON.....	Edson L. Moore.....	Master.
131	MYTLE.....	Edwin L. Cramer.....	Master.
132	NIAGARA FRONTIER.....	Reuben A. Taylor.....	Master.
134	LOWVILLE.....	Fred. C. Bradt.....	Master.
135	SACKETT'S HARBOR.....	John M. Bodine.....	Master.
136	MEXICO.....	Henry D. Harris.....	Master.
137	ANGLO-SAXON.....	Arnon L. Squalers.....	Master.
138	OTSEGO.....	Frank M. Hotaling.....	Master.
139	MILNOR.....	David H. Osborne.....	Master.
140	CLINTON.....	Harry R. Welsh.....	Master.
141	CATO.....	William H. Van Dusen.....	Master.
142	MORNING SUN.....	Charles F. Ringer.....	Master.
143	CONCORDIA.....	George Moeller.....	Master.
144	HIRAM.....	Charles A. Gilkeys.....	Master.
145	MOUNT MORIAH.....	O. Nelson Rushworth.....	Master.
146	WESTERN UNION.....	Charles E. Millett.....	Master.
147	WARREN.....	William C. Mersereau.....	Master.
148	SULLIVAN.....	Gilbert H. Harns.....	Master.

149 AUSABLE RIVER.....	William M. Palmer.....	Master.
150 SAUQUOIT.....	Edward F. Savage.....	Master.
151 SENTINEL.....	George G. Conkey.....	Master.
152 HANOVER.....	Robert E. Ble.....	Master.
153 FRIENDSHIP.....	George M. Decker.....	Master.
154 PENFIELD UNION.....	Horace B. Warner.....	Master.
155 CLINTON.....	Floyd D. Dunbar.....	S. Warden.
156 OCEAN.....	James Christie.....	Master.
157 THUMANSBURG.....	George W. Tompkins.....	Master.
158 CARTHAGE.....	Herbert E. Phelps.....	Master.
159 PULTNEYVILLE.....	Thomas West.....	Master.
160 SENECA RIVER.....	Harvey F. Hawley.....	Master.
161 ERIE.....	Henry W. Nachbar.....	Master.
163 SCHUYLER'S LAKE.....	Isaac J. Kent.....	Master.
168 YONNONDIO.....	William L. Stolz.....	Master.
164 PHILANTHROPIC.....	John C. Davies.....	Master.
165 BOONVILLE.....	I. Gilbert Sawyer.....	Master.
166 FOREST.....	Bruce S. Wright.....	Master.
167 SUSQUEHANNA.....	Hugh E. Collins.....	Master.
168 MONTOUR.....	J. William Jones.....	Master.
169 CLINTON.....	Percy L. Wight.....	Master.
171 LAFARGEVILLE.....	Frank N. Hoyt.....	Master.
172 CHAUMONT.....	Hector Adams.....	Master.
173 MONROE.....	Adin D. Chriswell.....	Master.
174 THERESA.....	Maitland C. Bullard.....	S. Warden.
175 OXFORD.....	Edwin B. Flagg.....	Master.
176 MONTEZUMA.....	Samuel Ball.....	Master.
177 BINGHAMTON.....	Walter H. Whitlock.....	Master.
178 ATLANTIC.....	Edwain J. Graves.....	Master.
179 GERMAN PILGRIM.....	Lucas Armbruster.....	Master.
180 WESTCHESTER.....	H. Edwin Brown.....	Master.
181 LITTLE FALLS.....	John Leon.....	Master.
182 GERMANIA.....	Carl Grosch.....	Master.
183 FARMERVILLE.....	John B. Moore.....	Master.
184 TURIN.....	Lewis T. Strong.....	Master.
185 INDEPENDENT.....	Wilfred M. Thompson.....	Master.
187 DARCY.....	Albert S. Klein.....	Master.
188 MARSH.....	William J. Gregory.....	Master.
190 MUNN.....	Nicholas Selvaggi.....	Master.
191 LEBANON.....	Jerome M. Bell.....	Master.
193 ULSTER.....	John A. Snyder.....	Master.
194 PIATT.....	Samuel D. Kempe.....	Master.
195 EXCELSIOR.....	Frankford Armstrong.....	Master.
196 SOLOMON'S.....	C. Reed Newcomb.....	Master.
197 YORK.....	Sylvester C. Eberhardt.....	Master.
198 SILENTIA.....	Robert J. Porter.....	Master.
199 HARMONY.....	Otto Partenheimer.....	Master.
200 SINCERITY.....	George W. Salisbury.....	Master.
201 JOPPA.....	Frederick Barrie.....	Master.
202 ZSCHOKKE.....	John Diehl.....	Master.
203 TEMPLAR.....	Charles Starz.....	Master.
204 PALESTINE.....	Franklin P. Pratt.....	Master.

205	HYATT.....	John H. Stocker.....	Master.
206	EMPIRE CITY.....	Nathan Ullmann.....	Master.
207	UNITED STATES.....	James A. Crowe.....	Master.
208	CYRUS.....	Joseph F. Ritter.....	Master.
209	NATIONAL.....	Max L. Arnstein.....	Master.
210	WORTH.....	William Faucett.....	Proxy.
211	POCAHONTAS.....	F. Tracy Wells.....	Master.
213	RACKET RIVER.....	Archie E. Sutherland.....	Master.
214	GENESEO.....	T. Wallace Landon.....	Master.
216	FRANKLIN.....	Henry L. Conklin.....	Master.
217	GOUVERNEUR.....	Joseph V. Baker.....	Master.
218	HARTLAND.....	Frank Norton.....	Master.
219	SUMMIT.....	Fred A. Pratt.....	Master.
221	CATUGA.....	Bert E. Wattles.....	Master.
223	ROMAN.....	Charles J. Spriggs.....	Master.
224	ORIENTAL.....	Charles H. Ballou.....	Master.
225	ALLEGANY.....	Dan M. Todd.....	Master.
226	ANTWERP.....	Charles C. Johnson.....	Master.
227	EASTERN STAR.....	Paul C. Kast.....	Master.
229	ORIONA.....	George D. Autremont.....	Master.
230	WELLSVILLE.....	Ferdinand W. Miller.....	S. Warden.
231	CANASTOTA.....	Hazzard H. Robinson.....	Master.
232	NAVIGATOR.....	Gustav Adolph.....	Master.
233	PACIFIC.....	Charles H. Clarke.....	Master.
234	RISEING SUN.....	Eldon D. Scheff.....	Master.
235	KEYSTONE.....	Henry C. Hansen.....	Master.
236	PHILLIPSTOWN.....	Leslie M. Stevenson.....	Master.
237	CHAMPLAIN.....	Foster M. Strickland.....	Master.
238	ORIENT.....	Warren C. Brown.....	Master.
239	CATTARAUGUS.....	Lyman J. Cheney.....	Master.
240	WASHINGTON.....	Alonzo G. Hinkley.....	Master.
241	CONSTITUTION.....	J. Edward Harris.....	Master.
243	EUREKA.....	William F. Russell.....	Master.
244	HOPE.....	Thomas E. Hill.....	Master.
245	POLAR STAR.....	Miles M. Dawson.....	Master.
246	ARCANA.....	William T. Gieselberg.....	Master.
247	TONAWANDA.....	Fred D. Tuck.....	Master.
248	PALMYRA.....	George A. Tuttle.....	Master.
249	CHARTER OAK.....	Matthew J. Smith.....	Master.
250	JOHN D. WILLARD.....	William F. Bredemeyer.....	Master.
252	OLEAN.....	Willis Z. Georgia.....	Master.
253	OLD OAK.....	Charles H. Ostrander.....	Master.
254	WALWORTH.....	Richard B. McOmber.....	Master.
255	LIVINGSTONE.....	Maurice L. Doty.....	Master.
256	FORT BREWERTON.....	William J. Luke.....	S. Warden.
257	MOUNT NEBOH.....	Benjamin Bangser.....	Master.
258	MACEDONIA.....	Francis E. Taylor.....	Master.
259	SISCO.....	Milo A. Whitcomb.....	J. Warden.
260	MOUNT HOPE.....	Melbourn J. Woodruff.....	S. Warden.
261	EVANS.....	John H. Matteson.....	Master.
262	PHENIX.....	Clarence A. Potter.....	Master.
263	MOUNT VERNON.....	Dee B. Hogan.....	Master.

264	BARON STEUBEN.....	Charles E. Clark.....	Master.
265	SPEEDSVILLE.....	William W. Ford.....	Master.
266	POUGHKEEPSIE.....	Hiram F. Relyea.....	Master.
267	FORT EDWARD.....	Irving C. Forte.....	Master.
268	HERMANN.....	George A. Schmersahl.....	Master.
270	ONEIDA.....	Robert H. De Witt.....	Master.
271	CHANCELLOR WALWORTH.....	Victor L. Zorn.....	Master.
272	MYSTIC TIE.....	William W. Lighthipe.....	Master.
273	METROPOLITAN.....	Walter I. Hess.....	Master.
274	ARCTURUS.....	Harry P. Mills.....	Master.
275	SYLVAN GROVE.....	Benjamin I. Freer.....	Master.
276	MOHAWK VALLEY.....	Fred N. Graves.....	Master.
277	HENRY CLAY.....	Charles R. Conklin.....	Master.
278	MARION.....	Samuel B. Hutchings.....	Master.
279	KING SOLOMON.....	Samuel Weingart.....	Master.
280	DORIC.....	Charles J. Graff.....	Master.
282	OTEGO UNION.....	Ray E. Van Cise.....	Master.
283	BEACON.....	Alva O. Way.....	Master.
284	BALTIC.....	Henry J. Fischer.....	Master.
285	GEORGE WASHINGTON.....	Adolph Sheriff.....	Master.
286	MONTAUK.....	Malcolm C. Ludlam.....	Master.
287	CONTINENTAL.....	Frederick H. Patterson.....	Master.
288	BROOKLYN.....	George H. Christoffers.....	Master.
289	ST. ANDREW'S.....	A. Lindsay O'Connor.....	Master.
290	SPENCER.....	Henry L. Emmons.....	Master.
291	NORTH'N CONSTELLATION.....	John H. Dullea.....	Master.
292	PARISH.....	Robert W. Wilson.....	Master.
293	CAPE VINCENT.....	George A. Potter.....	Master.
294	CANANDAIGUA.....	E. Raymond Church.....	Master.
295	CATARACT.....	Charles R. Richardson.....	Master.
296	CLAYTON.....	Charles H. Wilber.....	Master.
297	ALEXANDRIA.....	A. H. Houghton.....	Proxy.
298	FISH HOUSE.....	Edward D. Call.....	Master.
299	KESHEQUA.....	Albert A. Conrad.....	Master.
300	GAROGA.....	Edgar Shibley.....	Master.
301	IRONDEQUOIT.....	William W. Heppell.....	Master.
302	NORWICH.....	Charles H. Hunt.....	Master.
303	SYLVAN.....	Edwin H. Edson.....	Master.
304	SCHILLER.....	Philip Bartel.....	Master.
305	CENTRAL CITY.....	Leon D. Dexter.....	Master.
306	CUBA.....	Robert D. Morgan.....	Master.
307	ELLICOTTVILLE.....	Eben E. Comstock.....	Master.
308	SENECA LAKE.....	Charles R. Johnston.....	Master.
309	NEWBURGH.....	Fred G. Buss.....	Master.
310	LEXINGTON.....	Frank H. Pouch.....	Master.
311	MOUNT ZION.....	Lester F. Cole.....	Master.
313	STONY POINT.....	John McNee.....	Master.
315	WAWATANDA.....	John P. Graham.....	S. Warden.
316	ATLAS.....	Hugh C. Harris.....	Master.
317	NEPTUNE.....	William L. Nelson.....	Master.
318	JOSEPH ENOS.....	William H. Thomas.....	Master.
319	BLACK LAKE.....	Murray N. Donald.....	Master.

330 UNION STAR .....	William L. Palmer.....	Master.
331 ST. NICHOLAS .....	John Atkins.....	Master.
332 STAR OF BETHLEHEM.....	Robert G. Kiermaier.....	Master.
333 AMITY .....	John R. Pope.....	Proxy.
334 FREEDOM.....	George N. Griswold.....	Master.
335 REPUBLICAN.....	Harman A. Landgraaf.....	Master.
336 SALEM TOWN .....	George E. Whitcomb.....	Master.
337 ACACIA .....	William Richardson.....	Master.
338 PORT JERVIS.....	Herbert Senger.....	S. Warden.
339 NEW YORK.....	Phillip Wiegand.....	Master.
341 HORNELLVILLE.....	Henry S. McKenney.....	Master.
342 JEFFERSON .....	C. Edward Hammer.....	Master.
343 WESTBROOK.....	Joseph Olmstead.....	Master.
344 CHERRY VALLEY.....	Isaac E. Cole.....	Master.
345 WIDOW'S SON .....	Stephen F. Avery.....	Master.
346 MEDINA .....	Milford W. Childs.....	Master.
347 GREENBUSH.....	Frank L. De Noyelles.....	Master.
348 PUTNAM .....	John H. Ball.....	Master.
349 PURITAN.....	Ernest M. Ledden.....	Master.
340 MODESTIA.....	George W. Weyard.....	S. Warden.
341 CLYDE.....	Czar E. Zeluff.....	Master.
342 LILY.....	Fred H. Wefer.....	Master.
343 RONDOUT.....	Harry A. Tremper.....	S. Warden.
345 LODI.....	Charles S. Close.....	Master.
347 HAMPTON .....	Nathan F. Graves.....	Master.
348 ADELPHIC.....	Alfred E. Hassall.....	Master.
349 PECONIC.....	Robert W. Hawkins.....	Master.
350 CHEMUNG VALLEY.....	Morgan S. Joslin.....	Master.
351 SPRINGVILLE .....	Emmons B. Dunbar.....	Master.
352 HOMER.....	Lewis M. Austin.....	Master.
354 PROGRESSIVE .....	Harry E. Richardson.....	Master.
355 JERUSALEM .....	Alfred C. Wenzell.....	Master.
356 UNITED BROTHERS.....	Henry Bischoff.....	Master.
357 CANADEA.....	Alonzo O. Arnold.....	Master.
358 QUEEN CITY.....	David E. Pengeot.....	Master.
359 RANDOLPH .....	Oscar W. Farland.....	Master.
360 APTON.....	Burt Lord.....	S. Warden.
361 CENTRAL.....	Percy G. B. Glikes.....	Master.
362 VALATIE.....	Edwin Langford.....	Master.
363 EVERGREEN.....	Frank M. Smith.....	S. Warden.
364 HORSEHEADS.....	Thomas R. Hibbard.....	Master.
365 GOSHEN.....	Charles H. Thompson.....	Master.
367 CORNER STONE.....	Thomas J. B. Lineburgh.....	Master.
368 CROTON.....	James H. Truran.....	Master.
369 CALLIMACHUS.....	Emmett R. Sweet.....	Master.
371 SAGAMORE .....	John W. Trine.....	Master.
372 SANDY HILL.....	Adelbert D. Stickney.....	Master.
373 LA SINCERITE.....	Marcos S. Laredo.....	Master.
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843 STAR OF THE EAST .....	J. Thomas Shott .....	Master.
844 RADIUM .....	Percy H. Dowden .....	Master.
845 GANSEVOORT .....	Edward Vanderwerker .....	Master.
846 BUFFALO .....	Alvah A. Adamy .....	Master.
847 MOUNT ARAB .....	Burton D. McCormick .....	Master.
848 MARSHALL .....	Benjamin Friedman .....	Master.
849 NORTH WOODS .....	James C. Pullman .....	Master.
850 RUSSELL .....	William V. Roberts .....	Master.
851 LAKE SHORE .....	Justin D. Smith .....	Master.
852 CIVIC .....	Isaac F. Schwartz .....	Master.
853 ROMA .....	Julian V. Carabba .....	Master.
854 PAUMANOK .....	William A. Dodge .....	Master.
855 BAY RIDGE .....	Louis Stork, Jr. ....	Master.
856 FREDERIK .....	George Kirkegaard .....	Master.
857 LORILLARD .....	William A. McClellan .....	Master.
858 COLLABERGH .....	Otis M. Barker .....	Master.
859 BRONX .....	Solomon A. Vander Poorten .....	Master.
860 HAMMOND .....	Wesley Backus .....	Master.
861 CHARLES W. MEAD .....	Samuel D. Ashley .....	Master.
862 DUNWOODIE .....	Joseph L. Abrahams .....	Master.
863 MOUNT SINAI .....	Isaac Schwartz .....	Master.
864 JONKHEER .....	William H. Ford .....	Master.
865 WINTAH .....	Harry E. Coe .....	Master.
866 DAMASCUS .....	George A. Ferris .....	Master.
867 AZURE .....	Leopold F. W. Haas .....	Master.
868 HATHAWAY .....	E. Stuart Williams .....	Master.
869 CHANCELLOR KENT .....	Isaac Lang .....	Master.
870 JOHN STEWART .....	Ossian Lang .....	Master.
871 CAVOUR .....	Gaetano Ruggiero .....	Master.
872 TROWEL .....	Frank A. Spencer .....	Master.
873 BLUE MOUNTAIN .....	Jerry La Point .....	Proxy.
874 HENDRICK HUDSON .....	Robert V. K. Harris .....	Master.

876 MORDECAI.....	William S. Styles.....	Master.
877 WEST POINT.....	Robert Scott.....	Master.
878 NORSEMAN.....	Peter Benson.....	Master.
879 CHARLES W. CUSHMAN.....	James L. Nixod.....	Master.
880 BREDABLICK.....	Henry Johnson.....	Master.
881 TRUTH.....	Moses Friedman.....	Master.
882 BRYN MAWR.....	Frank B. Lasher.....	Master.
883 WARREN PATCHIN.....	Henry C. Meade.....	Master.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	} Committee.
HENRY C. BADGLEY,	
JOHN A. DERTHICK,	

The following telegram was read:

COL. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,  
GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE,  
MASONIC TEMPLE, WEST 24TH ST., N. Y.

Waiting daily for summons to operation for restoration of vision, I am cheered, strengthened and comforted by the affectionate message of my Brethren of the Grand Lodge, always devoted to the cause of Masonry.

GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER,  
*Grand Chaplain.*

On motion of M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the following telegram was ordered forwarded to the Senior Past Grand Master M. W. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX:

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,  
*Buffalo, N. Y.*

The Grand Lodge, in Annual Communication assembled, sends heartiest greetings and best wishes to its Senior Past Grand Master.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. EMANUEL LOWENSTEIN, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and ordered printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

On motion of M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That excepting when otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge there shall be incorporated in the minutes and in the printed Proceedings



of this Grand Lodge in the wording in which it is offered each resolution acted upon by the Grand Lodge, together with the name of the mover thereof.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER presented the following resolutions, which were received and, on motion, both resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to adopt, in connection with the children graduates of our Home, a probationary and supervisory system, and with this end in view to employ suitable person or persons to keep a record of the children, the place where they reside and their employment, to visit them from time to time, both where they reside and at the place of their employment, to ascertain how they are faring and what they are doing, to assist them in bettering themselves whenever possible, to encourage them in their work and assist them in establishing themselves.

The person at the head of this department shall be known as the Visiting Superintendent.

*Resolved*, That when a child shall leave the Masonic Home, the Superintendent of the Home shall communicate with the Visiting Superintendent of the fact and where the child is going and of its prospective employment, and that the Superintendent of the Home and the Visiting Superintendent co-operate in efforts, to place each child advantageously before it depart from the Home.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER presented the five following resolutions, which were received and on motion adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master, and it hereby is, authorized to prepare a design for each jewel emblematical or symbolical of each of the several offices provided for by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which design, when approved by the Grand Master, shall be the design of the official jewel or insignia of such office, in addition to the jewel now loaned by the Grand Lodge for use during tenure of office, and no other shall be hereafter used or recognized and no other shall be worn at Masonic functions. And be it further

*Resolved*, That each such jewel be thereafter issued under the sanction and authority of this Grand Lodge upon the payment of the cost thereof to the Grand Secretary, not to exceed fifty dollars, and shall become the property of the Brother to whom it is issued. The jewel of each office shall be identical with the jewel theretofore issued for such office.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary shall, upon issuing any such jewel as aforesaid, cause to be inscribed thereon the name of the Brother to whom it is issued and the date of his services in the office for which the jewel is designated.

*Resolved*, That the designs of the aforesaid jewels, when approved, be copyrighted by the Grand Lodge and the copyrights held in trust for the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That Past Grand Lodge officers be permitted to procure the appropriate jewel of the office heretofore held by them. This resolution shall not be retroactive.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary have the custody of all records of Masonic trials and disciplinary proceedings, under the Code of Procedure, now deposited or that may hereafter be deposited, or, kept in his office, and it shall be his duty, from time to time, carefully to attend to the arrangement, separate indexing and preservation of all papers and documents in said proceedings, and to keep an index to those hereafter instituted arranged in alphabetical order under the names of the respective defendants, with a reference to the filing number of each proceeding, which number shall be designated at the time of the filing of the first paper therein, and be continued upon each paper filed in said proceeding with the date of such filing. Said index shall also describe the character of each paper so deposited.

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#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

W. ARTHUR K. KUHN, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report, which was received and its recommendations adopted:

*To the Grand Lodges:*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate Committees respectfully recommend:

1st. That so much as relates to the Fraternal Dead be referred to the Committee on Deceased Brethren.

2nd. That so much as relates to New Lodges be referred to the Committee on Charters.

3rd. That so much as relates to the German Masonic Temple Association be referred to the Committee on Finance.

4th. That so much as relates to the General Masonic Relief Association be referred to the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund.

5th. That so much as relates to the formation of a New District in the City of New York be referred to a Special Committee of nine.

6th. That so much as relates to the matter of the appointment of Representatives for a specified term, and the matter of blank ballots be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee desires to make special mention at this time of the unusually high character of the address of the M. W. Grand Master. In dealing with the problems now before the Craft, in its wise recommendations for our present and future welfare and in his touching tributes to the services of those who have passed within the jurisdiction of

the Grand Lodge on High, the address testifies most eloquently to those broad human sympathies, those high qualities of mind and heart, which have so strongly intrenched its author in the affections, the love and esteem of the Brethren throughout the length and breadth of the State.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT H. RUCKER,  
ARTHUR K. KUHN,  
RUFUS KIRKLAND, } *Committee.*

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, from the Committee on Charity, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Charity recommends that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to be paid over by him at such time and in such manner as he may deem best for the relief and maintenance of the widow of a Right Worshipful Brother, who was a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further recommends that an additional sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be also placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, to be paid over by him at such time and in such manner as he may deem proper for the relief and maintenance of the widow of a Right Worshipful Brother, who was for many years an active member of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. VROOMAN,  
SAMUEL H. STERNBERG,  
AMOS H. STEPHENS, } *Committee.*

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

R. W. WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS, from the Committee on Deceased Brethren, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Once more the roll has been called, and not a few of those who have responded in the years gone by, are absent from the places which they have been wont to fill in our midst. Of those, some are gone who made

only brief records of duty performed in the respective bodies in which they had been called to serve. Some had but for a short space borne the honors which in our Fraternity are generously given to him who renders faithful service at any post of duty to which he is called by his Brethren. And among those thus taken from us were some comparatively young in years, who gave promise of fitness, as they should be trained by experience, to be advanced from lower stations to higher, and up to the summit of honor and dignity to which those of character and ability may justly aspire. The death roll which has been read in our hearing bears the names of some such, of whom it has been said and will be repeated, that they were taken away almost in the beginning of careers of usefulness to the Craft, and to the social and business world in which they had their place.

Let it suffice for all such to say: "That life is long which answers life's great end."

As we look over this assembly, we see not a few who have scarcely reached more than the beginning of middle life, an evidence that the Fraternity soon recognizes those who are able to do its work well, whether young or advanced in years. Thus it is that there appear upon the roll of the dead the names of those who have been cut off in the midst of their years and their usefulness. But, let us understand that his work is truly finished and complete which has been carried forward to any stage, final or intermediate, in a spirit of devotion to duty. A perfected part wins honor for the faithful workman as fully as a perfected whole. To cut one perfect stone for the edifice, is to complete a work that will abide as long as the temple itself shall stand, and to the credit of the workman, known or unknown, whose hands furnished it.

In this report marked discriminations as to personality and worth would be out of place. When the summons comes to which all must respond, all distinctions are ended save those which inhere in merit. Fidelity to duty is the summit of honor. To fill one's place, and to fill it well, is to raise a bar against comparison or criticism. Yet, without making individual comparisons, it is meet to record the fact that the obituary roll of this year is marked and august, in that it bears so large a proportion of names of those who for many long years have been foremost in everything pertaining to the welfare of this Grand Jurisdiction. As we read the list, our hearts are very heavy. We think of the work the absent ones have done, and well done. We remember their wise counsels, their prudent action in times of emergency, their patient and persistent effort to have things done or prevented for the good of the Craft. For years to come the influence of their personality and of their official lives, will remain as an inspiration in the various spheres which they so faithfully and unselfishly filled.

Many important works are being carried forward and will continue in the future, with which the names of these, our departed venerable and worthy Brethren will be ineffably connected. Did the proprieties permit, the mentioning of certain objects with which the names must be associated, the fact stated would be apparent at once.

It is not a paradox to say that the going hence of such men should not be deemed a loss to the Craft. They were needed for what they did and for what they were. But they are still with us because their work abides and their influence continues.

Distant times and unborn generations are bettered and blessed by the words and deeds of every son of earth who has lived with high purposes and wrought unselfishly in the sphere which he filled in life.

The ethical code of Freemasonry is no less pure, exalted and binding upon the conscience of man than is the moral code of any religion which has made its claims upon the varied and distinct families of earth. It demands absolute goodness from man, with a recognition of the claims of obedience to the Power above, in whom we live and move and have our being. It teaches that only goodness can be rewarded, and that evil entails upon itself a sure penalty. It teaches that life should be spent in the service of God and of humanity, and that all of its works have an influence in shaping the destiny of man, whether those works pertain to things unseen or secular. They sadly misread the creed of Masonry who deem it lax in the requirements which it lays upon the whole man as concerning his duties in every realm. And to exact obedience without encouraging hope of reward as the fruit of obedience, is not conceivable in the code of a power which may both reward and punish.

It is this which gives us the right to think with confidence of the happy estate of those who have gone hence after lives well spent. Masonry would not displace any religious creed. It antagonizes none. It holds that the essence of all creeds, religious as well as Masonic, is identical, in all material points. It would not forbid any rite or form by which man seeks to find access to the unseen God. It only says, what all true religion has said, that obedience to all its precepts will win the approbation of Him whom all are bound to serve. And so it says of all its faithful departed:

They fear not life's rough storms to brave,  
Since Thou art near and strong to save,  
Nor shudder e'en at death's dark wave,  
Because they cling to Thee.

And thus it is that we cannot mourn for the dead whose spirit will inspire the living who follow them with high ideals and exalted purposes. Their work abides and will abide when their names shall no longer be mentioned among men. As they had learned from those before them, and as they have passed on to us the elements making for goodness in their lives, so we shall transmit to those coming after, the inheritance left for us by the honored ones whose earthly work is now closed.

As we note the records of the coming and the going of men, we hesitate to conclude with the wise King of Israel that all things abide as they were. The world is moving forward, and that means, for its betterment. The discerning see the tokens of an increasing sense of brotherhood, not only among men, but nations. Antagonisms die hard, but they die none the less as the warming influence of brotherly love is enkindled and stimulated by the great souls who learn and teach that the labor for self alone is subordinated in every true life.

"In all the world he only is alone who lives not for another."

So wrote one of England's gifted sons. So taught by example and precept the worthy ones upon whom our thoughts are now centered. Such was their conception of Masonic brotherhood; such was their

teaching, and such were the virtues which they taught and practised; and we shall be richer because they have lived, and the lessons which they taught to us will move us to inspire those who shall follow us in the days and years not far distant.

Such is the Immortality of personal influence, which continues indefinitely beyond the life of the individual; and they who have exerted and transmitted it have fitly done their work; gone into the life of the eternal state; gone to the sure rewards of lives of goodness and worth; gone to that summit of vision from which we would fain believe that they watch us in our struggles for supremacy over evil, and wait to give us a welcome when life's work for us shall be done and well done, and we shall have attained to the realization of that Immortality of which we will allow no argument of unbelief to deprive us—the Immortality of which in all times the sages of the world have dreamed; held as an article of faith by patriarchs, prophets, saints and martyrs of all past generations; the Immortality assured to us by the Word of the Ever Living and True God, inscribed upon the pages of that Sacred Book which ever lies open upon our Altars, and bids us follow in the footsteps of the faithful ones who have finished their course in faith and do now rest from their labors.

Your Committee recommends that a page be set apart in the published Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for each name mentioned in the Grand Secretary's "Roll Call of the Dead."

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS, FRED G. LEMMERMANN, JOHN A. DUTTON,	} <i>Committee.</i>
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**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: GEORGE HAYES,**

**PAST GRAND TREASURER,**

**DIED MAY 22, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: THOMAS MOORE,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED JULY 18, 1910.**



**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**M.: W.: JAMES TEN EYCK,**

**PAST GRAND MASTER,**

**DIED JULY 28, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**M.: W.: J. EDWARD SIMMONS,**

**PAST GRAND MASTER,**

**DIED AUGUST 5, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: FRANK CHAMBERLAIN,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED AUGUST 23, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED SEPTEMBER 6, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: WILLIAM JOHNSTON,**

**FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA,  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK,**

**DIED SEPTEMBER 25, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: GEORGE NIXON,**

**PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN,**

**DIED SEPTEMBER 28, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: GEORGE W. WYCKOFF,**

**PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER,**

**DIED OCTOBER 1, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: WILLIAM F. JENKS.**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED OCTOBER 3, 1910.**



**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: HARLAN J. SWIFT,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
TWENTY-THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED OCTOBER 6, 1910.**

*Inscribed*

TO THE MEMORY

OF

**R.: W.: FLOYD G. SHUFELT,**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
FORTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT**

**DIED NOVEMBER 18, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: HENRY A. POWELL,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED NOVEMBER 28, 1910.**

*Inscribed*

TO THE MEMORY

OF

**R. W. ROBERT McDOWELL,**

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

DIED NOVEMBER 30, 1910.

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**BRO. HORACE H. BROCKWAY,**

**FORMER TRUSTEE OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.**

**DIED DECEMBER 5, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R. W. GEORGE W. ARNOLD,**

**FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.**

**DIED DECEMBER 7, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: JOSEPH A. LACKEY,**

**FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK,**

**DIED DECEMBER 27, 1910.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: EMERSON FORD,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.**

**DIED DECEMBER 31, 1910.**



**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: WILLIAM WOOD,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED JANUARY 16, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: S. OLIN FOSTER,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
TWENTY-FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.**

**DIED JANUARY 17, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R. : W. : RICHARD H. THOMAS,**

**TRUSTEE OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND**

**DIED JANUARY 24, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: ALBERT MERRITT,**

**PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.**

**DIED MARCH 3, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: EMERSON I. LORD,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
TWENTY-SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT,**

**DIED MARCH 14, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: WARREN HIGLEY,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.**

**DIED MARCH 23, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: ALEXANDER B. KING,**

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.**

**DIED APRIL 11, 1911.**

**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: THOMAS LAWSON,**

**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF OREGON,  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.**

**DIED APRIL 25, 1911.**



**Inscribed**

**TO THE MEMORY**

**OF**

**R.: W.: ROBERT OGILVY,**

**FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.**

**DIED APRIL 25, 1911.**

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF APPEALS.

R. W. LORENZ ZELLER, from the Commission of Appeals, presented the report of said Commission, which was received and its recommendations regarding BRO. CONRAD STOEVEER adopted. The recommendation regarding ROLER, WHELOCK and CRAM was amended upon motion of M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER as follows, and as amended the report of the Commission was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Commission of Appeals in the matter of Burnier vs. Cram, Roller and Wheelock, be not accepted; that the judgment of the Lodge and the decision of the Commissioners be reversed and that the defendants be tried by a new Commission, to be appointed by the Grand Master, to try the issues in these cases—the charges to be brought by a member of another Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master.

*To the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M.  
of the State of New York:*

The Commission of Appeals begs to submit the following report:

The Commission found, immediately after its appointment, that there were a number of pending matters in the office of the Grand Secretary, and notice was duly given to all the parties interested to perfect appeals in them and bring the matters on for hearing before the Commission on any of the days fixed for sessions during the year.

Of these matters two appeals were perfected and heard by the Commission.

(1.) In the matter of the appeal of CONRAD STOEVEER, from the judgment of Trial Commissioners, both the appellant and respondent had the benefit of able counsel, and there were submitted to the Commission all papers and proceedings with the briefs of counsel. The appellant was in 1908 a Master of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M. After the expiration of his term as Master, the following charge and specifications signed by his successor in office and by the Wardens for the year 1909, were filed. Trial Commissioners were thereupon appointed by the Grand Master, M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, and trial was had.

*To the MOST WORSHIPFUL*

SAMUEL NELSON SAWYER,

*Grand Master of Masons, State of New York.*

**CHARGE.** Past Master CONRAD STOEVEER is hereby charged with un-Masonic conduct and violations of the written and unwritten laws of Masonry during his term of office.

**FIRST SPECIFICATION.** Past Master CONRAD STOEVEER wasted Lodge money unlawfully in the matter of charges against BRO. ADOLPH JOHANNES and BRO. PAUL A. FRANK.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION.** Past Master CONRAD STOEVE never submitted the letter in which Riverhead Lodge, No. 645, protested against the further advancement in Masonry of BRO. ERNEST A. BUCHMÜLLER, of Good Ground, L. I., who was at the time a Fellow Craft. In place of bringing this letter before the Lodge, he took the letter away from the Secretary and kept it for himself, and, over the protest of Riverhead Lodge, No. 645, advanced the said Brother to the degree of Master Mason.

**THIRD SPECIFICATION.** Past Master CONRAD STOEVE wanted to have BROTHER ALBERT RUFF to try to get BRO. ERNEST A. BUCHMÜLLER to pay fifty dollars as hush money to Riverhead Lodge.

**FOURTH SPECIFICATION.** Past Master CONRAD STOEVE persuaded Fred Hagens to make false statements in his application to become a Mason. In fact, CONRAD STOEVE himself filled out parts of the application blank and got the said Fred Hagens to give fictitious references. Further, Past Master CONRAD STOEVE persuaded BRO. JOE WAGNER to sign the application of Fred Hagens, knowing it was a wrong statement of facts.

**FIFTH SPECIFICATION.** Past Master CONRAD STOEVE brought up the application of Fred Hagens before Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M. himself, and had said application accepted, knowing same was wrongly filled out. He appointed the Usual Investigating Committee, and misled them in his statements in reference to Fred Hagens.

**SIXTH SPECIFICATION.** In the matter of bringing the second charges against PAUL A. FRANK, Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., did not accept same. Past Master STOEVE kept the papers in this matter for himself and has never turned them over to his successor in the chair.

*Wherefore,* It is demanded that the said Past Master CONRAD STOEVE be brought to trial and be dealt with according to Masonic law and usage.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1909.

The Trial Commissioners reported to the Lodge, which report was filed on March 28, 1910, finding the defendant guilty of each and every charge and specification alleged in the complaint, except that portion of Specification 4, wherein it is charged that said CONRAD STOEVE got Fred Hagens to give fictitious references and also persuaded BRO. JACOB WAGNER to sign the application of Fred Hagens knowing it was a wrong statement of facts. The Commissioners adjudged and determined that the said charges had been sustained and that CONRAD STOEVE be expelled from Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., and from all rights and privileges of Masonry. They further adjudged that the defendant pay the costs and expenses of the trial, which amounted to \$157.34.

After due and careful deliberation, and mindful of the provisions of Sections 65, 66 and 67 of the Code of Procedure, the Commission of Appeals finds and reports as follows:

As to the First, Third and Sixth Specifications, we find no evidence to support finding of guilty, and therefore reverse the finding of the Trial Commissioners.

As to the Fourth and Fifth Specifications, we find there was not sufficient evidence to support the finding of guilty against the appellant, and therefore reverse the finding of the Trial Commissioners to the extent that the same is in conflict with this finding.

As to the Second Specification, we affirm the finding of guilty made by the Trial Commissioners.

We modify the sentence of expulsion inflicted by the Trial Commissioners, because of its severity under all the circumstances. Our judgment is that complete justice will be done by a sentence of suspension upon the appellant from Pythagoras Lodge and from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the space of five years from the date of his conviction.

As to the order made by the Trial Commissioners that the appellant pay the costs and expenses of the proceedings, amounting to the sum of \$157.34, we find no evidence to justify such a finding or order, and therefore reverse it.

It has been held in similar proceedings that Trial Commissioners, to justify the infliction of money damages, must have some evidence to make a basis for a finding of fact to that effect. In this case, there was no evidence given at the trial on this point. (See matter of appeal of Brown—G. L. Proceedings 1883, p. 95. In re appeal of Boyd—G. L. Proceedings 1888, p. 185.)

(2.) In the matter of charges preferred by BRO. BURNIER, of Lafayette Lodge, respondent, against Messrs. Roler, Wheelock and Cram, appellants, lately members of Lafayette Lodge.

Complaints quite similar in nature were brought against above-named appellants, in which they were charged with having made false statements against the Master and Wardens of Lafayette Lodge, with reference to their declaration of a ballot had on a petition to membership in said Lodge. The report of the Trial Commissioners found the defendants guilty and contained a recommendation that they be suspended for a year. This recommendation was not followed by the Lodge, and one of expulsion was adopted. Thereafter an appeal was duly taken to the Grand Master, M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, who rendered the following decision:

#### BEFORE THE GRAND MASTER.

In the Matter of Charges Preferred by BROTHER T. J. BURNIER,

*against*

BROTHERS C. ROBERT CRAM, JOHN D. ROLER and J. OTIS WHEELOCK,  
of Lafayette Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.

These defendants are before the Grand Master upon appeals from judgments of expulsion from Lafayette Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.: The charges against them, while separate, arose out of the same transaction, are similar in nature, and were tried and have been submitted to me, probably for economy of time and expense, together.

The Brethren were accused with having made and published certain false affidavits reflecting upon the integrity of some of the principal officers of the Lodge; the statements therein contained, if untrue, were clearly libelous; slanders or libels made and uttered by one Master Mason against another constitute a Masonic offense subjecting the perpetrator to discipline. This has always been held to be the law. An examination of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge will disclose that many judgments

of conviction for such offenses have been affirmed upon the recommendation of the Commission of Appeals.

The record in this case discloses, that, while no controversy exists as to the making and uttering of the affidavits in question, there is a sharp conflict of fact upon the question as to the truth or falsity of the statements in them made.

From the evidence, the Commissioners might well have found either for or against the defendants. They were the judges of the facts, and, having upon the evidence determined the defendants to be guilty, that conclusion cannot here be disturbed. The decision is not against the evidence, nor against the weight of evidence, but, as has been said, is founded upon conflicting evidence, the truth of which has been found against defendants.

Their counsel calls to the attention of the Grand Master certain alleged errors in the trial, claimed to be of sufficient importance to have prejudiced the rights of defendants and require a reversal of judgment. All have been carefully examined, and I find myself unable to agree with counsel in regard to any of them.

FIRST.—It is claimed that two of the Commissioners were present at the Communication at which the charges were received, and with others voted for the reference of same to Commissioners.

Our law provides that before Commissioners can be appointed *all* the Brethren must be summoned to attend the Communication at which the charges are to be considered, and that the members of the Commission must be members of the Lodge. Suppose it should transpire that every member of a Lodge, in a given case, found it within the length of his cable to obey the mandate of such a summons, and in the exercise of his duty as a Mason should vote to refer the charges under consideration to Commissioners. In such case, if the law is as claimed, it would be impossible to try a defendant, no matter how guilty, because there would be no member of the Lodge competent to act as a Commissioner. The very statement of this proposition, it seems to me, illustrates the fallacy of defendants' contention.

The same argument is applicable with increased force to the criticism that the Master of the Lodge, being one of the Brethren assailed in the affidavit, had no power to appoint Trial Commissioners. It may be that a nice attention to the delicacies of the situation should have prompted him, for the time being, to resign his position to some Brother qualified to act who could not be in any manner directly interested; nevertheless, it is the duty of the Master, when charges are received and adopted, to appoint the Trial Commissioners. The Master of Lafayette Lodge, in this instance, performed only the duty which our system of procedure placed upon him, and no reversible error can be predicated upon his act.

If the Commissioners appointed were open to objection, it was the duty of the defendants, before proceeding with the trial, to raise the question by appropriate challenge, and procure the appointment of new Commissioners, free from suspicion.

The defendants at first did avail themselves of this remedy, but subsequently withdrew the challenge, and consented to proceed before the forum, as constituted. Any error which might have entered into the original appointment was waived by that act, and defendants are estopped from further criticism.

SECOND.—No uncertainty or vagueness exists in the charges upon which defendants were brought to trial. It is possible that a strict practitioner in the courts of law would have found it advisable to frame the complaint with more detail and in closer accord with the scientific rules of pleading.

The Masonic Code of Procedure, however, is intended for the guidance, not only of lawyers, but of laymen, by whom most Masonic trials are conducted outside the large cities; for this reason it provides in substance that charges shall be so framed that the defendant may know with exactness what he is accused of, and be able to prepare for his defense. Nothing more is required. There can be no question but what these defendants, from the charges preferred, knew exactly what they were accused of.

THIRD.—It is claimed that, after the verdict, and in the consideration of the resolution inflicting penalty, the Master permitted certain Brethren to speak intemperately, and that the Lodge, as a result of such intemperate talk, increased the punishment from that recommended by the Trial Commissioners.

Leaving out of consideration all question of right of the Grand Master to interfere with the discretion of a Master in the exercise of his duties, it is sufficient to say that the record fails to disclose what, if anything, was improperly said, nor to show that the Brethren were influenced in their decision by anything other than the actual facts. If every judgment of the courts was upset because enthusiastic counsel made overly strong statements in the argument to the jury, few, if any, judgments would be sustained.

Counsel further insists that the resolution for expulsion was actually defeated, and was improperly declared to be adopted by the Master. The record contains a certificate of the Secretary of the Lodge, under its seal, stating that there were about sixty-five Brethren present at the meeting when the matter was settled, five of whom voted against the resolution, and the remainder of whom voted for it; I am forced to accept the solemn and official statements of the Secretary of the Lodge in preference to the hearsay statements of counsel upon this subject.

The judgment is affirmed.

S. NELSON SAWYER,  
*Grand Master.*

From this decision an appeal was duly taken on various grounds to the Commission of Appeals.

We were favored in this case also with able and elaborate briefs on the part of counsel representing the parties to the appeal.

After due deliberation, this Commission of Appeals has unanimously voted for affirmance of the decision of the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGE FREIFELD,  
*Chief Commissioner.*

LOUIS E. BOMEISLER,  
LORENZ ZELLER,  
GEORGE F. LAWRIE,  
WILLIAM KLINGENSTEIN,  
GEORGE S. TINKLEPAUGH,

*Commissioners.*

Dated, May 1, 1911.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

R. W. JOSEPH FITCH, from the Committee on Charters, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge:*

The Committee on Charters submits the following report:

We have considered the petitions for the establishment of Lodges as follows:

WANDERER Lodge, in the Borough of Queens, New York City.

COURLAND Lodge, in the City of New York.

PLEASANTVILLE Lodge, at Pleasantville.

LACKAWANNA Lodge, at Lackawanna.

EMPIRE Lodge, in the City of New York.

GARFIELD Lodge, in the City of New York.

Dispensations were granted to the above-named Lodges by the Grand Master, and we find that they have complied with the Constitutional requirements. Due consideration having been given to the conditions surrounding these Lodges, after careful investigation, we believe that the welfare of the Craft will be enhanced thereby, and we therefore recommend that a charter be granted to each of them, to Empire Lodge under some other name, to be selected by the Grand Master.

Dispensations were granted also to Laurel Leaf Lodge, at Portchester, and Equity Lodge, at Brooklyn. Having carefully considered the situation and conditions surrounding these Lodges, as presented by the reports, statistics and papers referred to us with the petitions, we are of the opinion that the interests of the Craft will best be subserved if the applications for these charters be denied, and we so recommend.

In the matter of the charges against East New York Lodge, No. 852, which were referred to a Committee of Investigation by the Grand Lodge last year, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters—the charter being meanwhile suspended—we have considered the testimony taken by that Committee, and their report, and in view of the amazing conditions shown, we deem it clearly in the interest of the Craft that a Lodge whose controlling influences for such a series of years have been so perverted, and so contrary to the spirit of our institution, should have its Masonic existence terminated forthwith, and we therefore recommend that its charter be forfeited.

We recommend that the petition of Mordecai Lodge, No. 876, be granted, and its name changed to Loyalty Lodge, No. 876.

In the matter of the petition of John Hodge Lodge, No. 815, which has petitioned that the charter and records of Naples Lodge, No. 133, be placed in its custody, we report that in our judgment the records should remain in the custody of this Grand Lodge, but the old charter, if procurable, may properly be placed in charge of John Hodge Lodge, No. 815, and we so recommend.

In the matter of the differences between Amboy Lodge, No. 650, and

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 164, we recommend that Amboy Lodge, No. 650, be confirmed in its present location at Williamstown, and that the two Lodges endeavor, by amicable arrangement, to adjust the lines of their territorial jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH FITCH, THEODORE C. LEFEVRE, JEROME L. CHENEY, FRANK RICHARDSON, EDWARD C. EHLERS, JOHN F. HALSTEAD, HARRY C. WALKER, HERMAN H. GERNER, WILLIAM A. ROWAN,	} Committee.
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

R. W. JAMES S. LAWSON, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted:

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom were referred four applications for restoration, respectfully report as follows:

### IN THE MATTER OF GUSTAV KLEINE.

GUSTAV KLEINE, formerly of Corner Stone Lodge, No. 367, was expelled October 2nd, 1907, upon the complaint of Rising Star Lodge, No. 450, and Nepperhan Lodge, No. 736, of the City of Yonkers, in the 12th District. KLEINE, who was a resident of Yonkers, applied for membership in Rising Star Lodge, No. 450, in May, 1894, and his application was rejected. In November, 1899, he applied for membership to Nepperhan Lodge, No. 736, and his application was rejected. Again he applied for membership to Rising Star Lodge, No. 450, in January, 1903, and again he was rejected. In April, 1905, KLEINE made application to Corner Stone Lodge, No. 367, in Brooklyn, N. Y., in the 2d Masonic District. He falsely represented that he was a resident of Brooklyn, that he had never presented a petition for membership in a Masonic Lodge, and that he had never been rejected. He was made a Mason in Corner Stone Lodge, No. 367. Subsequently, Rising Star Lodge, No. 450, and Nepperhan Lodge, No. 736, filed the charges of which KLEINE was found guilty.

Your Committee unanimously recommend that the application be denied.



## IN THE MATTER OF RYLAND E. CLARKE.

RYLAND E. CLARKE, formerly of Excelsior Lodge, No. 195, was expelled October 28th, 1908. He was charged with having been convicted in a Criminal Court in the City of New York on the crime of larceny and found guilty. While Excelsior Lodge has endorsed his application for restoration, your Committee unanimously recommend that the application be denied.

## IN THE MATTER OF HECTOR SINCLAIR.

In April, 1883, HECTOR SINCLAIR, formerly of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, was charged with slandering a Brother Mason and improper conduct in business. He was absent from his home at the time, and, from the meager information at the disposal of your Committee, we assume he was found guilty by default and expelled. HECTOR SINCLAIR now applies for restoration, and Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, of which he was formerly a member, unanimously favors his application.

Your Committee unanimously recommend that the application be granted.

## IN THE MATTER OF WALLACE MOORE.

WALLACE MOORE, formerly a member of Monumental Lodge, No. 374, was expelled March 30th, 1889, after a trial before Commissioners of his own Lodge. The same Lodge is now unanimously in favor of his restoration, as appears by a certificate under the seal of Monumental Lodge.

Your Committee unanimously recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. LAWSON, DESMOND O. EVERHARD, EDWARD M. FETHERS,	} Committee on Grievances.
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The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

# Grand Lodge.

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The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Wednesday afternoon, May 3, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911, at 2.30 o'clock.

Present: M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution.

Amend Section 85 by adding the following paragraph: "The jurisdiction of the Lodge in the City of Lackawanna as at present constituted shall be limited to candidates residing in the said City."

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, from the Committee on Finance, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

The Finance Committee recommend that appropriation be made as follows:

For the salary of the Grand Pursuivant.....	\$ 500.00
For the salary of the Grand Tiler.....	500.00
For the salary of the Grand Lecturer.....	2,400.00
For the salary of the Grand Secretary.....	5,400.00
Membership in General Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada .....	600.00
Surety Bonds, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.....	125.00
Grand Librarian .....	1,000.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	600.00
Grand Treasurer, clerk hire.....	300.00

Grand Secretary, clerk hire.....	\$4,500.00
Grand Master, clerk hire.....	500.00
Grand Lecturer, travelling expenses.....	1,200.00
Committee on Antiquities.....	700.00
Der Fuhrer, publication of addresses, Grand Lodge Officers....	50.00
Masonic Standard, publication of addresses, Grand Lodge Officers	200.00
Corner-Stone, publication of addresses, Grand Lodge Officers..	50.00
Expenses, Standing Committee Hall and Asylum Fund.....	239.81
Transportation Committee .....	50.00
Organist .....	25.00
Chorister .....	25.00
Rent of Administrative Offices.....	7,000.00
William C. Prime, Committee on Revision.....	26.50
Baltic Lodge, No. 284, claim for overpayment of Grand Lodge dues	2.70

The Committee further recommend that the Grand Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to pay upon the certificates of the Grand Secretary, the necessary expenses connected with the office of Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for postage, printing and stationery for the ensuing year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM A. BRODIE.	} Committee.
OTTO ANDREA, JR.	
ENSIGN S. HOMER.	

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK.

R. W. AUGUST EICKELBERG, from the Custodians of the Work, presented the report of the Custodians, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

The Custodians of the Work again report that the ritual has been rendered most efficiently by The R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, at the various Conventions. We have heard many favorable reports from the Conventions held. The reading of the certificate ordered at last Grand Lodge has facilitated his work in a very marked degree, and will be continued. No changes have been suggested nor are any contemplated. We bespeak for the Grand Lecturer and his great work, the earnest and hearty co-operation of the Brethren throughout the State.

Fraternally submitted,

AUGUST EICKELBERG,	} Custodians of the Work.
JAMES A. BECKETT,	
OSCAR F. LANE,	
RUFUS L. SCOTT, JR.,	
ELIAS HAFFA,	

## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POWERS OF TRUSTEES.

M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, from the Special Committee on Powers of Trustees, presented the following report, which was received and its recommendation adopted:

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Special Committee, styled "Committee on Powers of Trustees," appointed by M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, pursuant to resolution adopted at the Annual Communication in 1909, and which Committee duly reported at the Annual Communication in 1910, and were thereafter by resolution continued do most respectfully report, that

We most deeply deplore the death of one of our fellow members, and feel the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge and the Craft has, indeed, been a loss to your Committee. The consideration by him of the important questions before the Committee, and the wise counsel received from his lips, have been of untold value, and the touching reference of M. W. Grand Master KENWORTHY, in his address at this Annual Communication, most worthily express the feeling shared in the memory of our late BROTHER, M. W. JAMES TEN EYCK.

Relative to the matters referred, we would state that the original acts of incorporation of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund is contained in Chapter 272, of the Laws of 1864, amended in 1873, again in 1875, later in 1877, yet again in 1885, another in 1890, and the last being Chapter 666, of the Laws of 1898. It will thus be seen that our basic law is fragmentary, and not easily interpreted by the lay mind. In several instances the later Acts repeal or amend specific sections of former Acts.

Due thought and consideration have, however, been given to the law as it now exists, not only by the members of your Committee individually, but also after having obtained the views of those whose duties require a careful interpretation and application of the present law, and the powers and duties conferred thereby, and also in view of the great work now being carried on by the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and the possibility that any changes now, or in the immediate future, might seriously interfere with the policies, or at least result in so great a departure from established precedent as to result in confusion and greater harm than to continue the present law without amendment or consolidation. The work now under way has been undertaken under the law as it existed at the time of the inception of the work, and your Committee believe any changes at this time would seriously interfere with the harmony and progress thereof.

Your Committee therefore most respectfully recommend that until such time as future requirements shall demand changes or amendments to the present law, no such new or consolidated laws be recommended for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

And, in the judgment of your Committee, there appearing to be no

need for the further continuance of the Committee, we recommend its discharge from further consideration of the question referred.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. BRODIE,  
THOMAS PENNEY,  
JOHN W. VROOMAN,  
JERRIE G. DURHAM, } Committee.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, from the Committee on Constitution, presented the following report, which was received and the resolution therein contained adopted:

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

The Committee on Constitution, to whom was referred, at the Communication of 1910, the subject of the preparation of a Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge, report:

That a Digest of Decisions and relevant matter compiled from the official Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from its organization to date, has been prepared by the Judge Advocate, R. W. ABEL CROOK, who has dedicated the same to the Grand Lodge, its Grand Masters and Committees, and proposes to copyright and transfer the same to the Grand Secretary and his successors in office, in trust for the Grand Lodge. Your Committee has examined and approved the same, and recommend that it be accepted by the Grand Lodge and that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, R. W. ABEL CROOK, Judge Advocate, has prepared a Digest of Decisions and relevant matter compiled from the official Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from its organization to date, and dedicated the same to the Grand Lodge, its Grand Masters and Committees, and which he proposes to copyright and transfer to the Grand Secretary and successors in office, in trust for the Grand Lodge:

And the Committee on Constitution, to whom the subject was referred at the last Annual Communication, having approved the same:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge accept, and, express its appreciation of, the work and, that two thousand copies be printed and bound separately from the Proceedings, and, that one copy be sent, by the Grand Secretary, to each Lodge in the State, and, to the Grand Secretary of each other Jurisdiction, and, that the remaining copies be disposed of as the Grand Master shall direct.

TOWNSEND SCUDDER,  
S. NELSON SAWYER,  
GEORGE CROMWELL, } Committee.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.**

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER reported as follows in reference to the proposed amendment to Section 85 of the Constitution recommending its adoption so far as can be done at one Annual Communication.

Amend Section 85, by adding the following paragraph:

"The jurisdiction of the Lodge or Lodges in the City of Lackawanna, as at present constituted, shall be limited to candidates residing in the said city."

TOWNSEND SCUDDER.  
GEORGE CROMWELL.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.**

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER presented the following report of the Committee on Constitution covering the amendments proposed to the Constitution, Regulations and Code of Procedure submitted and adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge:

The recommendations of the Committee on the final adoption of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and their amendment of Sections 44, 45 and 64 of the Code of Procedure were adopted and said sections finally adopted. The proposed amendment to Section 37 of the Code of Procedure was adopted so far as same can be done at one Annual Communication.

The disapproval of the Committee to the proposed amendment to the Regulations and the balance of the proposed amendments to the Code of Procedure adopted at last Grand Lodge was accepted and, on motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:*

The Committee on Constitution, to whom were referred by resolution of the Grand Lodge, 1910, the proposed amendments to the Code of Procedure adopted at that session, report that they have met and conferred and carefully considered the amendments to the Constitution, Regulations and Code of Procedure proposed at the Annual Communication of

the Grand Lodge, 1910, printed at pages 614 to 622 of the Proceedings of 1910.

They approve of the following amendments to the Constitution:

- (1) Subdv. 4, Section 9.
- (2) Section 14
- (3) Section 15.
- (4) Section 20.
- (5) Section 46.
- (6) Section 49.
- (7) Section 55.
- (8) Section 57.
- (9) Section 65.
- (10) Section 88.
- (11) Section 90.

They disapprove an amendment to Section 16 of Regulations. It is proposed to strike out the requirement of a Lodge accepting an affiliating member to give notice to his former Lodge that he has signed the By-Laws of the latter. Other provisions of the Constitution make the membership consummate upon signature of the By-Laws. If notice be not given by the accepting Lodge, the member's name may be upon the roll of both Lodges, which will be called upon to pay Grand Lodge dues. In such case, the Lodge omitting to give the notice should indemnify the Lodge which has been wronged. The penalty should not be visited upon the innocent affiliate.

They disapprove the proposed amendment to Section 4, Code of Procedure, for the reason that in their opinion an indefinite suspension, insofar as it is provided by the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 4 of the Code of Procedure is not without authority and to impose a penalty of suspension for a definite time in the alternative of a fine would, in our opinion, make the imposition of a fine idle, since it would be entirely possible for the defendant to avoid the payment of the fine by submitting to the penalty of suspension, and he would doubtless do so if it were not too long. The object of the suspension is to compel the payment of the fine. To provide a penalty of suspension long enough to induce the payment of the fine, rather than submit thereto, would be difficult, always subject to the varying opinions of Trial Commissioners or of members of Lodges, and unsatisfactory in operation. It is within the power of the defendant to terminate the suspension at any time by payment, or if he be financially unable, then to apply to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to terminate it, under Section 84 of the Code.

They disapprove the proposed amendment to Section 13 of the Code of Procedure. The proposed amendment is to strike out of the present Section 13 the words "and reference" in the third line. These words were in the old Code. There has been no change, and we see no good reason for eliminating them.

They disapprove the proposed amendment to Section 14 of the Code of Procedure. This amendment intends to strike out the words "and reference" in Section 14. It is the same amendment proposed to Section 13, and we make the same observation regarding it as we have for Section 13.

They disapprove the proposed amendment to Section 42 of the Code of Procedure. The purpose of this amendment is to strike out the word "decision" and insert the word "judgment" to describe the action of the Lodge on a report of a Trial Commission. In the old Code and in the new, there was a consistent distinction between "judgment" and "decision," the action of a Lodge on a report of the Trial Commission being uniformly denominated as a "judgment," and the determination of a Trial Commission, of a Grand Master, or of the Grand Lodge, being uniformly denominated a "decision." We think there was merit in this distinction and that it should be preserved. Solely for the purpose of preserving this distinction, we approve continuing to denominate the action of the Lodge as a "judgment"; otherwise, we should approve simplifying, at least in terms, all these proceedings by denominating them all "decisions," which is a term more equally understood by the average lay mind. Through some error or oversight in the second line of Section 37, the action of a Lodge Trial Commission has been denominated a "judgment," which has gone unnoticed until now. We recommend that the word "judgment," in line two, of Section 37, be stricken out, and the word "decision" inserted in place thereof, so that the only connection in which the word "judgment" shall be used shall be in reference to the action of the Lodge upon the report of a Trial Commission.

We disapprove the proposed amendment to Section 44 of the Code of Procedure in the form in which it is proposed. The amendment is undoubtedly a wise one, but it is rather verbose, and, we think, ill-expressed. We propose in place of that proposed amendment the following:

"Proceedings in cases provided for by Section 43 of the Code of Procedure will, excepting the determination of challenges, be conducted in like manner as in cases where the Trial Commissioners are appointed by the Master of a Lodge, except in the particulars mentioned in Sections 45 and 49 following. All challenges of Grand Lodge Trial Commissioners shall be tried by the Grand Officer appointing them. The decision of such challenge shall be reviewable only upon an appeal from the decision of the Commission. In cases provided for by Section 43 of the Code of Procedure, all papers and notices shall be served or caused to be served by the Grand Secretary."

We approve in principle the proposed amendment to Section 45, which is intended to cover proceedings against a Past Master by a member of his Lodge, a new provision. We have already approved the proposed amendment to Section 20 of the Constitution, extending the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in the same manner, but we prefer a slight variation of the language of the proposed amendment, and therefore recommend that Section 45 be amended so as to read as follows:

"Complaints against an unaffiliated or non-affiliated Mason, where the Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction; against a Lodge or Lodges; against a Master; against a member of the Grand Lodge; by a Lodge against its Master; by a member of one Lodge against a member of another Lodge; by a member of a Lodge against a Master or Past Master thereof for misconduct while holding the office of Master, should be distinctly addressed to the Grand Master or to the District Deputy Grand Master having jurisdiction of the offense charged.

"Such complaints should be definite and specific in their nature, con-



forming to constitutional and legal provisions, and are to be acted upon by Trial Commissioners appointed by such Grand Officer.

"Charges against a Master or a Past Master of a Lodge, for official misconduct while holding the office of Master, shall be presented to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge only during the term of said Master or within one year after the expiration of the term in which such offense was committed."

We disapprove of the proposed amendment to Section 51, the objection to which is the same which we have urged against the proposed amendment to Section 42, to-wit.: the change of the word "determination" in the old section to read "judgment" in the new. For the same reasons, we disapprove the proposed amendments to Sections 53, 54, 55, 56, 60 and 63. The same objection applies to the proposed amendment to Section 64, but we have determined that the word "decision," as used in Section 64 as it now stands, would be more expressive if we alter it to read "action," and we so recommend. The same objection also applies to the proposed amendment to Section 67, which we disapprove.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TOWNSEND SCUDDER, }  
GEORGE CROMWELL, } *Committee.*

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

M.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. S. NELSON SAWYER, from the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

The Standing Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, appointed by the Grand Master, May, 1910, is as follows:

M.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. WILLIAM SHERER.  
M.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. S. NELSON SAWYER.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. CHARLES H. ARMATAGE.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. GEORGE J. JACKSON.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. J. HUNGERFORD SMITH.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. HENRY SCHAEFER.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. JOHN LLOYD THOMAS.  
R.<sup>r</sup>. W.<sup>r</sup>. ARTHUR WARREN.

### ORGANIZATION.

The Committee convened at the Masonic Home, Utica, New York, June 26, 1910; all present except W. J. MAXWELL, who was detained by illness. The Committee organized by the election of WILLIAM SHERER, Chairman, JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, Secretary.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

On the Masonic Hall—BROTHERS JACKSON (Chairman), ARMATAGE, MAXWELL, and THOMAS.

On the Masonic Home—BROTHERS SAWYER (Chairman), SMITH, WARREN, SCHAEFER, and ARMATAGE.

This Committee keenly regrets the absence of its beloved Chairman, M. W. BRO. WILLIAM SHERER, by whom it had been expected this report would be presented. The year's work has been almost exclusively under his guidance, and its value, if it be valuable, is due to his careful, painstaking efforts in behalf of the Fraternity he has so long adorned. We wish for him the speedy return of his wonted strength and vigor.

The report has been prepared very largely by the Secretary, R. W. BRO. JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, who is now in Europe, and therefore unable to be present at this session of the Grand Lodge.

An unexpended balance of \$3.00 has been received by the Secretary from the retiring Committee, and will be found accounted for in the Financial Statement.

### ST. JOHN'S DAY.

This meeting of the Committee was held in connection with the annual St. John's Day visitation to the Masonic Home. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the exercises of the day; they were of a character interesting, not only to the Home family, but to the many Brethren who attended from all parts of the State. It is believed that these visitations result in great good, inasmuch as the Brethren who attend from the various Lodges secure information in regard to the administration of the Masonic Home which cannot fail to commend it to the fraternal sympathy and support of the members of the Craft in the Lodges represented.

This Committee made a careful inspection of the Home and Farm, and, as usual, have nothing but approbation for the manner in which they are conducted under the administration of Superintendent WILEY.

### THE AUTUMN MEETING.

The Committee met at the Home again September 5, 1910. Thorough inspection was made, and the Committee noted, with satisfaction, the replacement of bad plastered ceilings by metal ceilings, and recommended to the Trustees that this work be prosecuted as rapidly as conditions would permit, believing that thereby real danger to the children would be averted and a durable improvement made in the property. In many places the ceiling was cracked and broken, and in some instances had fallen to the floor. The metal ceilings substituted in these bad places presented an attractive appearance, and the work had been done at very reasonable cost.

### A SERIOUS CONDITION.

At this meeting a certain condition of things was manifested which this Committee feels should be forcefully brought to the attention of the Craft. This condition gave rise to the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, it is increasingly evident that worthy and needy Masons,

their wives, widows and orphans are in danger of losing the benefit of the Home because of past excess of liberality in admitting members,

"*Resolved*, That this Committee commends the present policy of impartial and watchful scrutiny of all applications, and urges the continuance of the rigid and thorough investigation of the physical ability, mental condition, and Masonic qualification of all applicants, to the end that the worthy and needy may be promptly and permanently helped, and the undeserving may be excluded."

This Committee feels that its obligations to the Grand Lodge and its duty to the Craft in general demand that a note of warning be uttered in regard to the character and condition of those who are admitted to the Masonic Home. There are three reasons which make it mandatory upon the Committee to speak plainly and strongly upon this point.

First and foremost, *our children*, for whom, lacking any other, we desire to provide a Home in the best sense of the word, a Home which shall be not merely a shelter, but a sanctuary—a Home in which not only their bodies may be housed during youth, but in which their minds shall be trained to the perception of right things, and their hearts kept sweet and pure and strong, so that they may come out into the world well equipped physically, mentally and spiritually for the hard battle of life.

Second, a fine and manly spirit is shown by most of our adult family, who engage in such work as they are able to perform, and who cheerfully render to the Superintendent ready and helpful service, and whose actions emphasize the possible unworthiness of some who are physically far more competent, yet who refrain from offering that helping hand, which would be so useful, not only to the Home and its environment, but to themselves.

Third, it would be, indeed, a miscarriage of Masonic philanthropy, if a worthy Mason, his wife or widow, were deprived of the benefit of the Masonic Home by being crowded out by those unworthy or undeserving.

It is strongly urged by the Committee that this matter be brought distinctly to the attention of the Lodges, that there may not be recommended to the Home any who are unworthy and that the Trustees continue the strict examination of all applicants as heretofore.

In addition, the Committee believes that the very reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of the members of the Home should be enforced to the letter. The Craft ungrudgingly supports the Masonic Home, and the least return that the members can make is cheerful and unwavering compliance with the rules. These rules are not severe, but are essential to the safety of all the members, the peace and happiness of our children, and the good reputation of the Fraternity.

#### THE FARM.

At this meeting the entire matter of farm operations was considered, and BROTHERS SMITH and WARREN constituted a Committee to confer with Superintendent WILEY relative thereto, and to draft a plan for the systematic and productive development of the farm. It is believed that this movement will result in better returns from the farm than in the past.

After receiving the report of this meeting, the Grand Master, in accordance with recommendation of the Committee, sent out a stirring letter to the Lodges, which cannot fail to stimulate interest in the Home.

#### THE WINTER MEETING.

The next meeting of the Committee was held in Utica, February 12th, when another thorough inspection of the Home was made. Among the resolutions passed at this meeting are the following:

*"Resolved*, That the Committee recommends the immediate issue of an illustrated book on the Masonic Home, which may be furnished to Masonic Lodges and others interested at a nominal price, and that the Lodges of the State be promptly informed of the issue of such book and its general distribution urged upon them."

*"Resolved*, That we respectfully suggest to the Grand Master the advisability of making an illustrated lecture on the Masonic Home, delivered by the Grand Lecturer, and open gratuitously to the general public, a requirement in connection with each Grand Lecturer's Convention in the Masonic Districts of the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master and the Trustees have received from this Committee, quarterly, a report of its meetings, with such recommendations as were adopted. Frequent conferences have been held between members of this Committee and the Trustees, in which administrative details connected with the management of the Home and of the Hall have been discussed at length.

#### PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

The Chapel has been practically completed, and now affords a beautiful and commodious assembly room for the members.

The Study Room for the children, which has been provided in the old assembly room, is well arranged and suitably furnished, and an excellent library has been purchased, which will be adequate for years to come.

The Laundry has been erected and thoroughly equipped and a long-existing necessity has been thus supplied.

The Barn and Dairy have been completed, and our Farm has thus secured an addition which will make it one of the model farms of New York State.

It is natural that this Report deals mainly with the Masonic Home, in which the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction feel such keen and sympathetic interest. It should be said, however, that the Masonic Hall and the building project approved by the last Grand Lodge, have had the attention of the Committee. The operation of the Hall and the plans for the new building are fully narrated in the Report of the Trustees.

This Committee cannot conclude its report without expressing unqualified confidence in the administration of the Masonic Home by Superintendent WILEY, and its grateful thanks to MRS. WILEY, for the sympathetic and able assistance she renders. While a number of the adult residents are, and always will be, infirm and invalid, the general health among the children has been excellent, and, through the constant care and watchfulness of Supt. WILEY and his staff, there has been no serious illness during the year. The children have continued their stud-

ies in the public schools under the plans so well inaugurated a few years ago, and during their home hours their physical and æsthetic needs have been ministered to, as well as their mental growth.

A concert arranged by Superintendent WILEY, in which our children figured prominently, with the orphans of the Roman Catholic Church as the beneficiaries, constituted a beautiful example of true Masonic charity, and it gratifies this Committee to be able to report that this fine exemplification of Masonic principle has received unstinted praise from good people everywhere.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash received from old Committee.....	\$3.00
To expenses, postage, stenographer, etc.....	3.00

#### GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE.

The report of the German Masonic Temple Association has been examined by your Committee with much pleasurable interest. We recommend that same be spread upon the records of this Annual Communication, and that the Brethren of the Ninth District be assured of the commendation and Brotherly appreciation of the Craft for their splendid efforts to care for their own distressed, at the same time, keeping step with us in the conduct and support of the general Masonic Charities of the State.

#### THE BROOKLYN MASONIC GUILD.

Our Brethren in Brooklyn have submitted to this Grand Lodge the report of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, showing that their enterprises have, by faithful care and good business management, reached the stage where ultimate success is assured, a result which must be gratifying, not only to the Brethren directly interested, but to the general Fraternity of the State. We recommend that report also be included in the minutes of this Annual Communication.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

We feel that we can add nothing to the elaborate, full and detailed report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. It contains so direct and lucid a statement of the condition of our business affairs as to deserve general distribution among the Brethren, and careful reading and examination by all. It is particularly interesting at this juncture, because of its complete statement of the work being done in connection with "Our New York Properties," and the assurance there made manifest that the hopes of the Craft regarding these enterprises will end in fruition. The Brethren of the Board of Trustees have labored diligently, and, in the end, successfully; meeting many discouragements, they have never been discouraged. They are entitled to the generous and heartfelt thanks of this Grand Lodge for their painstaking and laborious services, and we especially recommend the approval of that which has been by them done in connection with the improvement of

these properties. We also recommend the appropriation for the General Fund of the Board of Trustees of the sum of \$15,541.28, carried this past year to the account of the Permanent Fund, in accordance with the request of the Trustees as found in their Annual Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SHERER, S. NELSON SAWYER, WILLIAM J. MAXWELL, HENRY SCHAEFER, CHARLES H. ARMATAGE, GEORGE J. JACKSON, ARTHUR WARREN, J. HUNGERFORD SMITH,	}	Committee.
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## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REARRANGEMENT OF EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

R. W. EARL J. ADAMS, from the Special Committee on the Rearrangement of the Eighth Masonic District, presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions contained therein adopted:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to the sub-division of the 8th Masonic District, and the creation of a new District, reports as follows:

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the 8th Masonic District shall consist of the following Lodges:

### *No. Lodge.*

642 Knickerbocker  
643 Daniel Carpenter  
651 True Craftsman's  
654 Emanuel  
655 Bunting  
657 Livingston  
690 Republic  
703 Gavel  
712 Pelham  
724 Ancient  
727 Charity  
728 Alma  
733 Bethel  
734 Veritas  
739 Radiant

### *No. Lodge.*

742 Star of Cuba  
743 Maimonides  
744 Pentalpha  
745 Stuyvesant  
746 Roome  
750 Shakespeare  
752 Naphthali  
753 Justice  
763 Centennial  
770 Golden Rule  
813 Hebron  
819 Composite  
840 William McKinley  
848 Marshall

"And be it further

"*Resolved*, That a new District be created, to be known as the 42d Masonic District, which shall consist of the following Lodges:

<i>No. Lodge.</i>	<i>No. Lodge.</i>
853 Civic	876 Mordecai
860 Bronx	881 Truth
868 Azure	885 Courland
870 Chancellor Kent	888 Federal
873 Trowel	889 Garfield

together with whatever other Lodges may be erected in the future in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx."

Respectfully submitted,

EARL J. ADAMS, JOHN J. MACCRUM, JAMES H. BRICE, PAUL M. CRANDELL, HAROLD E. LIPPINCOTT, DANA B. PRATT, ANDREW T. TALLMADGE, DOW BEEKMAN,	}	Committee.
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R. W. WILLIAM KLINGENSTEIN submitted the following proposed amendment to the Code of Procedure:

Amend Section 26, of the Code of Procedure, by adding Subdivision 11, to read as follows:

"11. All testimony in the trial of charges shall be deemed privileged, and no charges shall be predicated against a Brother giving such testimony, except the charge of perjury."

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, from the Committee on Constitution, presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted so far as can be done at one convention of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That Section 3 of the Constitution be amended, by adding after the words, "Custodians of the Work," the words: "the Superintendent of the Masonic Home."

Fraternally submitted, TOWNSEND SCUDDER, GEORGE CROMWELL, S. NELSON SAWYER,	}	Committee.
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, from the Committee on Constitution, presented the following resolution, which was received and the amendment to the Code of Procedure adopted so far as can be done at one annual communication:

The Committee on Constitution report and recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That Section 26 of the Code of Procedure to be amended by adding Sub-division 11 to read as follows: Sub 11. All testimony in the trial of charges shall be deemed privileged, and no charges shall be predicated against a Brother giving such testimony except the charge of perjury.

Fraternally submitted,

TOWNSEND SCUDDER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
S. NELSON SAWYER,	
GEORGE CROMWELL,	

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Prayer by R. W. JOHN P. PETERS, Grand Chaplain.



# Grand Lodge.

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The Grand Lodge resumed its session on Thursday morning, May 4, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911, at ten o'clock.

Present:—M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R. W. FREDERICK W. NORRIS, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations and the resolutions contained therein adopted.

### *To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report as follows:

(1) BRO. E. E. CAUTHORNE presented to the Grand Lodge a resolution relating to the publication of a concise history of the Craft, to be presented to each candidate, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the following be adopted and the means for its enforcement provided:

"The Grand Lodge shall have prepared, published and keep revised, a book containing a concise history of Freemasonry, the history of this Grand Lodge, and the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

"Subordinate Lodges are required to purchase these books, and when a Brother receives his third degree, to give him one with appropriate explanation and ceremony. This explanation and ceremony to be adopted by the Grand Lodge and to be part of the ritual."

Your Committee are in hearty sympathy with the Brother's desire for a wide dissemination of the history, philosophy and symbolism of Freemasonry, but as his plan would involve quite a large expenditure of money, in the present financial condition of the Craft we recommend no action be now taken.

(2) **BROTHER CHARLES N. HAMMOND**, President of Highland Club, of Elmira, presents a request for the "Grand Lodge to give us the privilege to meet and get thoroughly posted in the work, and when we are proficient we may ask for a charter for a Lodge."

Your Committee know of no law forbidding Brethren meeting together for consultation concerning the good of Masonry, and to secure harmony of work, but as our law now provides for the manner of procedure for the creation of new Lodges, we do not deem any action needed in the premises, and therefore recommend none.

(3) In Most Worshipful Grand Master **SAWYER**'s address to the Grand Lodge in 1910, he made the following recommendation:

"I recommend the adoption of a regulation providing that *hereafter* all accredits of Grand Representatives from other Grand Lodges shall be for a definite time of either three or five years, and that any sister Grand Lodge not desiring to commission a Representative subject to that regulation be still held in fraternal relations, but without exchange of Representatives."

This was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence at the last Annual Communication of this body, but did not reach the Committee.

Most Worshipful Grand Master **KENWORTHY**, in his address to the Grand Lodge at its opening, referred to the failure to act on such recommendation last year, and refers to the question as follows: "The clamor for recognition has continually beset the Grand Master, and, in endeavoring to meet the situation, the same trying experiences have come to him as well."

Your Committee recommend the following action:

*Resolved*, That hereafter all accredits for Grand Representatives from other Grand Lodges shall be for not exceeding three years, and that any sister Grand Lodge not desiring to commission a Representative subject to that resolution, be still held in fraternal relations, but without exchange of Representatives.

(4) Most Worshipful Grand Master **KENWORTHY**, in his address to this Grand Body, refers to the question of blank ballots cast at an annual election, in the following terms:

"Under a provision of our Book of Constitutions, the officers of a constituent Lodge must be 'chosen annually by ballot, and by a majority of votes.' The question is repeatedly asked when blank ballots are cast if these are to be considered a part of the whole number of votes cast, and whether the successful Brother must receive a majority of that number.

"Simons, in his 'Jurisprudence,' holds that a majority of all the votes cast is necessary, although among these there may be blanks. This rule has been followed many years, and whenever the matter has been submitted for a decision, the contention of Simons has been maintained.

"To the end that we may have a clear understanding of the matter, the subject will be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for an opinion, and if the Grand Lodge determines to change the rule followed in the past, an amendment to Section 41, of the Book of Constitutions, by striking out the word 'majority,' in the third line of that Section, and substituting the word 'plurality,' would accomplish that purpose."

Your Committee would recommend the following action:

*Resolved*, That Section 41, of the Book of Constitutions, be amended

by inserting in the third line, following the words, "majority of votes," "excluding blank ballots," and that the same be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM A. BRODIE, JOHN W. VROOMAN, S. NELSON SAWYER, TOWNSEND SCUDDER,	} Committee.
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, from the Committee on Constitution, presented the following report, which was received and its resolution adopted, so far as can be done at one Annual Communication.

The Committee on Constitution recommend and move the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Section 41, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended by inserting therein after the words in the third line thereof, "and by a majority of votes," the words, "excluding blank ballots."

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,  
TOWNSEND SCUDDER.

On motion of M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, the following resolutions were adopted to take the place of yesterday's resolution upon the acceptance of the report of the Commission of Appeals:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Commission of Appeals, in re charges preferred by Bro. BURNIER, of Lafayette Lodge, against Messrs. ROLER, WHEELOCK and CRAM, be not accepted, for the reason that upon the presentation of that report this Grand Lodge has received notice of evidence not contained in the record upon which the Commission of Appeals based their judgment. That the action of the Commission was in accordance with and justified by the record before it.

*Resolved*, That the judgment of Lafayette Lodge and the decision of the Trial Commissioners be reversed, and that the defendants be tried by a new Commission, to be appointed by the Grand Master to try the issues in these cases, the charges to be brought by a member of another Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be, and they are hereby substituted in place of the resolution on this matter adopted in Grand Lodge on May 8, 1911.

R. W. GEORGE FREIFELD submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, which was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 97, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 97. Any Brother, who shall in any way make known the kind of ballot cast by himself or another on the application for the degrees of Masonry, or any of them, or for affiliation, or if, after any such balloting as aforesaid, at which such application has been rejected, any Brother shall in any way declare that he or any other Brother cast a certain kind of ballot at such balloting, or shall declare that any specified or indicated number of white balls or ballots, or black balls or ballots, was cast at any balloting aforesaid, it shall be deemed a Masonic offense, and such Brother so offending may, on conviction thereof, be suspended for a period not exceeding one year.

"Only on a trial of a Brother for any offense specified in this Section shall it be permitted to prove the kind of ballot cast by any Brother, or the number of white balls or ballots, or black balls or ballots, cast at any such balloting."

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER, from the Committee on Constitution, presented the following report and resolution, which were received and the amendment adopted so far as can be done at one Annual Communication.

The Committee on Constitution report, recommend and move,

*Resolved*, That Section 97, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended to read as follows, by inserting therein in place of the last paragraph thereof, the following:

"Only on a trial of a Brother for any offense specified in this Section shall it be permitted to prove the kind of ballots cast by any Brother, or the number of white balls or ballots, or black balls or ballots, cast at any such balloting."

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,  
TOWNSEND SCUDDER.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER presented the following amendment to his resolution of yesterday in reference to Grand Lodge jewels, which was adopted:

*Provided*, That nothing in this resolution contained shall in any way prohibit a Brother from wearing a jewel heretofore presented to him.

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER in the Chair.

M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY was elected Grand Master by acclamation.

R. W. CHARLES SMITH was elected Deputy Grand Master by acclamation.

R. W. THOMAS PENNEY was elected Senior Grand Warden by acclamation.

R. W. WILLIAM S. FARMER was elected Junior Grand Warden by acclamation.

R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER was elected Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS was elected Grand Secretary by acclamation.

Pursuant to the nominations of M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

R. W. FRANK E. HAFF was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for three years to succeed himself.

R. W. MILTON W. DAVISON was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for three years to succeed himself.

R. W. GEORGE J. JACKSON was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for three years to succeed R. W. GEORGE A. NEWELL, term expired.

R. W. J. HOWARD WAINWRIGHT was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for one year to fill the unexpired term of the late R. W. RICHARD H. THOMAS.

The following telegram was read:

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 4th.

E. M. L. EHLERS,  
*Masonic Hall, Twenty-Fourth Street, New York City.*  
*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:* Profoundly grateful for your kind remembrance of yesterday. I thank you most heartily.

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,  
*Senior Past Grand Master.*

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to organize and establish, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, an employment bureau, to assist Masons, their children, wives and widows in obtaining employment when needed.

*Resolved*, That for this purpose \$1,000 be, and the same is hereby appropriated.

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund be authorized to devote a vacant office in this building to the use of the bureau hereby authorized.

*Resolved*, That R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER, the originator of the idea of this bureau, be the chairman of the Committee.

M. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER submitted the following resolution regarding Past Masters' certificates, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the free distribution of Past Masters' certificates by the Grand Secretary be, and the same hereby is, discontinued, and the authority therefor withdrawn, excepting upon the application of a Past Master for such certificate, in which event it shall be issued to such a Past Master upon the payment by him of two dollars.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, Past Grand Master, assisted by R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK, Grand Marshal, and prayer by R. W. WILLIAM R. WATSON, Grand Chaplain.

A bust of M. W. WILLIAM SHERER, Past Grand Master, and a bust of M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the gift of Howard Lodge No. 35, were presented to the Grand Lodge, which the Grand Master accepted on behalf of the Grand Lodge, as follows:

BRO. PRICE was to be here to present the bust of M. W. WILLIAM SHERER. Last year the model of the bust of BRO. EHLERS was presented to us and accepted at that time. These busts are presented to the Grand Lodge forever, to be held in the custody of the Grand Lodge on the premises in the library of this building.

I have pleasure again in acknowledging the great work that W.<sup>c</sup>. GUTZON BORGLUM has done in perpetuating to the Fraternity of the State of New York the personality of two great men. I tried to make an acknowledgment last year on receiving the bust of BRO. EHLERS. Happily he is with us to-day, and the association has been intact, but this year's session has been broken by the absence of M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. BRO. SHERER, and those who are in close association with him feel that absence most deeply. For the second time in forty years his companionship has been missed by his Brethren. In speaking of him I must do it in a personal way, for he comes from my home District. We love him for what he is. He is the exponent of the good of Masonry. He has become the Nestor of the Craft in the State of New York. We love to refer to him as "our grand old man," and he is to us the embodiment of all that is good and true among men in the world. We try to be the kind of Mason he is. He is the inspiration of our Masonic life, and what we have done or sought to do has been found in the man who for the last three days has been absent. He is absent from us to-day, but we hope for only a little while, and let us trust that twelve months hence M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. BRO. SHERER will be among us again. I tender to BRO. BORGLUM on the part of the Brethren of this Grand Lodge our most sincere thanks for his handiwork.

The Deputy Grand Master in the Chair.

M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Master, nominated for Commissioners of Appeals.

R.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. GEORGE S. TINKLEPAUGH in place of R.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. GEORGE S. TINKLEPAUGH.

R.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. ABEL CROOK in place of R.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. SANFORD W. SMITH.

Which nominations were confirmed by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master resumed the Chair.

BRETHREN: We are going now to take our happiness home, but before leaving I want to bring to your attention for a moment a letter that came to me during the session. The subject of the letter has been on my mind a long while. I do not believe that the writer of the letter got his impression from any experience he had in New York, but we who are down here have to meet it more or less. It is just an intimation of how careful we should be, and I can only say in a few words, "Let us so walk in this world that our neighbors shall be proud of us."

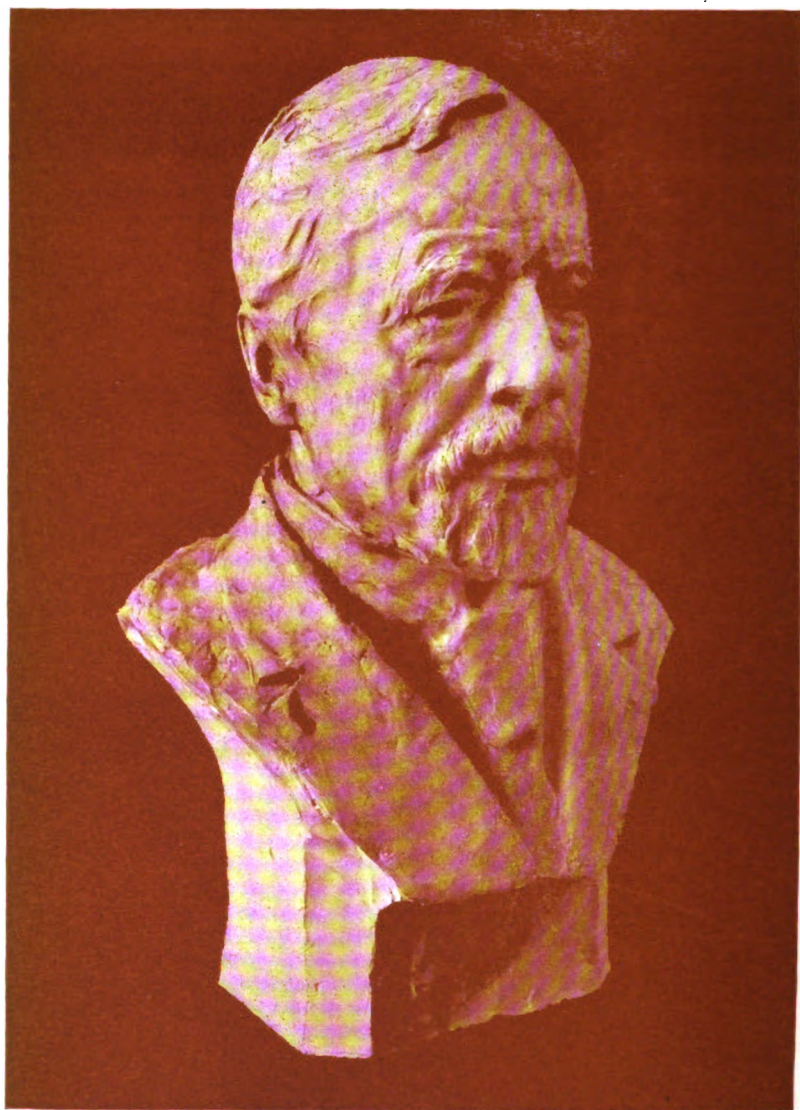
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"Permit me to present a thought to you for action, or otherwise, as you may deem advisable.

"In brief: I witnessed a body of from 50,000 to 60,000 Roman Catholics pledging themselves to not only abstain from profanity, but







Gustav Berglund







*Gustav Berglund*



to discourage it in others as far as they could do so. That was in Pittsburg last autumn. Would it not be a grand movement to have the same matter presented to this Grand Lodge, and through it to the 170,000 Masons of New York State. Profanity is one of the great growing evils of this country, and, I say it advisedly, among Masons as much as among those not of our order, and not only in every-day life but in the *Lodge ante-room* of many lodges.

"Please consider the above—if not at this session of the Grand Lodge, at the next, if you think it advisable."

We can speak from experience. I can, for I recollect a time when I practically expelled from the ante-room of the Lodge a member who used most obnoxious language, and that, too, in the presence of a man who was to receive his first impression of Masonry. Will you figure in your own mind the letter "G" suspended over us, and let us remember the lesson that that letter teaches us means something to every Mason.

There was a beautiful sermon preached here the other day on the consecration of St. John's Cathedral, and the text of the Bishop of New York was "Fear God; love the Brotherhood." I have the greatest affection for our Grand Chaplains, and I have had immeasurable benefits from their services and hope they may continue, but I often wonder if any one of the Grand Chaplains has ever found those words, "Fear God; love the Brotherhood." Now, Brethren, let that be our text.

God be with us until we meet again.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed with prayer by R. W. CHARLES DuBOIS BROUGHTON, Grand Chaplain.

*Charles DuBois Broughton*  
Grand Secretary.



## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amend Section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of all its Grand Officers, the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Secretaries, and one Representative from each Lodge (who shall be the Master, one of the Wardens in the order of seniority, or a Proxy duly elected by the Lodge), the members of the Commission of Appeals, the Judge Advocate, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, the Custodians of the Work, the Superintendent of the Masonic Home, all Past Masters of Lodges under this jurisdiction who were elected and installed and served one year in the chair of Master prior to the 31st day of December, 1849, and the members of the following Standing Committees, to wit: Masonic Jurisprudence, Foreign Correspondence, Grievances, Constitution, Hall and Asylum, Deceased Brethren, Antiquities, and Audit, and of Special Committees appointed by authority of the Grand Lodge; but no one can be a member of this Grand Lodge unless he be a member in good standing of some Lodge within its jurisdiction. Cessation of membership in a Lodge within said jurisdiction shall vacate such membership in this Grand Lodge."

Amend Section 41 to read as follows:

"SECTION 41. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary of a chartered Lodge must be chosen annually by ballot, and by a majority of votes, excluding blank ballots, at the last Stated Communication of such Lodge in the month of December, summoned as required by the charter, and be installed at or before the next Stated Communication thereafter by an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge.

"A Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for additional officers to be either elected or appointed.

"If, at the time prescribed, a Lodge shall fail to elect, or within the time prescribed shall fail to install, its Master and Wardens, or any of them; or if, having elected its Master and Wardens at the prescribed time, any of them shall fail or re-

fuse to be installed within the prescribed time, the Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to such Lodge to elect or to install such officer or officers as the exigencies of the case may require."

Amend Section 85 to read as follows:

"SECTION 85. The jurisdiction of a Lodge over candidates for initiation extends over all persons residing nearer to it by an air line than to any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, except that if there be more than one Lodge in a city or village those Lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction; and except that Lodges in the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, City of New York, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Lodges within the Borough of Richmond, City of New York, shall exercise exclusive concurrent jurisdiction over all persons residing in the said Borough; and each Lodge in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all persons residing nearer to it by an air line than to any other Lodge, except that the Lodges within the territory formerly known as Long Island City shall have concurrent jurisdiction over persons residing in said territory.

"The jurisdiction of the Lodges in the City of Troy as at present constituted shall remain as prior to the annexation of the village of Lansingburgh.

"The jurisdiction of the Lodges in the City of Buffalo as at present constituted shall be limited to candidates residing in the said city."

The jurisdiction of the Lodge or Lodges in the City of Lackawanna, as at present constituted, shall be limited to candidates residing in the said city.

Amend Section 97 to read as follows:

"SECTION 97. Any brother who shall in any way make known the kind of ballot cast by himself or another on the application for the degrees of Masonry, or any of them, or for affiliation, or if, after any such balloting as aforesaid, at which such application has been rejected, any brother shall in any way declare that he or any other brother cast a certain kind of ballot at such balloting, or shall declare that any specified or indicated number of white balls or ballots, or black balls or ballots, was cast at any



balloting aforesaid, it shall be deemed a Masonic offence, and such brother so offending may, on conviction thereof, be suspended for a period not exceeding one year."

Only on a trial of a brother for any offence specified in this section shall it be permitted to prove the kind of ballots cast by any brother or the number of white balls or ballots, or black balls or ballots, cast at any such balloting.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF PROCEDURE.

Amend Section 26 to read as follows:

"SECTION 26. There are certain great principles of evidence, however, which may be briefly stated, and which if properly regarded will be sufficient guides in Masonic trials, and which are:

- "1. Each party to a trial is bound to produce the best and highest evidence in his power to establish or disprove any alleged matter of fact. If the best evidence be a record, or book, or paper, or document, which has been destroyed or lost or which cannot be found after reasonable search, or which is in the possession or under the control of a person or persons, or corporation or public department, office or officer, beyond the jurisdiction or control of the Masonic Tribunal, and who will not, and cannot be compelled to, produce the same by Masonic process, secondary evidence of the contents of such record or book or paper may be given.
- "2. To establish or disprove any alleged matter of fact, the matter to which a witness testifies must be within his actual personal knowledge, and that the substance of the issue must be proved by the facts so testified, or such a series of facts (commonly called circumstantial evidence) as, combined, will lead to an irresistible conclusion, establishing or disproving an alleged matter of fact.
- "3. The burden of proof always rests with the party holding the affirmative, and hence, in a Masonic trial, lies

upon the complainant first; and in a like manner, when a defence is based upon substantive matters of fact, the burden of proof lies upon the accused; and, therefore, when the testimony in a case is balanced, the party holding the affirmative must fail.

- "4. Every material allegation in a complaint must be proved, and substantially as laid, but need not precisely conform to the charge in matters of time and place, unless the time and place are themselves necessary to constitute an offence or to confer jurisdiction.
- "5. Hearsay evidence is inadmissible, except to prove general reputation, which can only be known by the common speech of others, and in eliciting facts from a witness leading questions are not permitted.
- "6. A confession by the accused, whether made in the course of a judicial proceeding, or to a private person, may be given in evidence against him, unless made under the influence of fear produced by threats, or unless made upon a stipulation that he shall not be prosecuted therefor; and it is not sufficient to warrant his conviction without additional proof that the offence charged has been committed. This does not apply when a plea of guilty is made to the complaint, for that admits the commission of the offence and its commission by the accused.
- "7. There are certain things of which Trial Commissioners may judicially take notice without proof, such as facts in history, or geography, or any science, and the operation of the laws of nature.
- "8. But one witness is necessary to establish a fact or series of facts within his knowledge, except when the rules of criminal law require an additional witness.
- "9. No witness is to be excluded on the ground of religious belief, or of interest, and the accused is a competent witness in his own behalf. But his neglect or refusal to testify does not create any presumption against him.
- "10. Each party is entitled to be confronted by the witnesses called by his adversary and afforded an opportunity

for cross-examination. Affidavits, therefore, are not to be received as evidence concerning the issues involved upon the trial, unless upon agreement of both parties.

- “ 11. All testimony in the trial of charges shall be deemed privileged, and no charges shall be predicated against a brother giving such testimony, except the charge of perjury.”

Amend Section 37 to read as follows:

“ SECTION 37. A majority of the Trial Commissioners must concur in the decision of the Trial Commission. If the report be not unanimous, the dissenting Trial Commissioner may express his dissent therefrom either at the end of the majority report or in a separate minority report. (Forms 21, 22.) The conclusions reached by the Trial Commissioners shall be: 1. As to the guilt or innocence of the accused. 2. If the accused be found guilty the penalty recommended by the Trial Commission in the form of resolutions for the definite action of the Lodge. (Form 21.)”

## APPENDIX.

1911-1912.

R. W. CHARLES SUMNER BURCH	Grand Chaplains...	New York.
R. W. GEO. R. VAN DE WATER...		New York.
R. W. S. PARKES CADMAN.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. WILLIAM N. HUBBELL.....		New York.
R. W. JAMES C. RUSSELL.....		Oneonta.
R. W. JOHN CHESTER BALL.....		Corning.
R. W. CHARLES A. BROWN.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. WILLIAM R. WATSON.....		Sea Cliff.
R. W. WILLIAM E. STEVENS.....		New York.
R. W. HENRY R. FREEMAN.....		Troy.
R. W. JOHN P. PETERS.....	Grand Marshal.....	New York.
R. W. JOHN A. BLACK.....		Orchard Park.
R. W. JACOB C. KLINCK.....	Grand Standard Bearer.	New York.
R. W. JOHN P. SCRYMSEER.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. HORACE G. STONE.....	Grand Sword Bearers	Syracuse.
R. W. CHARLES J. VOGT.....		Buffalo.
R. W. OTIS M. TOMPKINS.....		New York.
R. W. GEORGE E. EHLERS.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. ADOLPH GEERING.....		New York.
R. W. HARLEY E. HAMIL.....		Brookport.
R. W. HERBERT S. PEARE.....		New York.
R. W. CHARLES H. CHURCHILL..	Grand Stewards...	Brooklyn.
R. W. CHARLES L. BANKS.....		New Berlin.
R. W. JAMES H. FREEMAN.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. JACOB C. VREELAND.....		New York.
R. W. ROBERT R. DOUGLASS.....		Schenectady.
R. W. SAMUEL J. IRWIN.....		Brooklyn.
R. W. EDWARD BOOTH.....		New York.
R. W. WILLIAM J. DONALDSON..		Buffalo.
R. W. RICHARD L. MOYLE.....		New York.

R. W. JOHN McKIE.....	}		{ Rochester.
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R. W. WILLIAM FAUCETT.....	}		{ New York.
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R. W. LEO S. HERZIG.....	}	Ceremonies	{ New York.
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W. JOSEPH McLEROY.....		Grand Tiler.....	New York.

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lyn, New York City, as here-  
tofore numerically arranged..R.: W.: CHRIS. C. MOLLENDHAUER..*Brooklyn.*
3. Lodges in Borough of Brook-  
lyn, New York City, as here-  
tofore numerically arranged..R.: W.: EDWARD. W. WRIGHT....*Brooklyn.*
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tan and Bronx, New York City,  
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tan and Bronx, New York City,  
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tan and Bronx, New York City,  
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tan and Bronx, New York City,  
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tan and Bronx, New York City,  
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Swedish, Norwegian, or Syrian  
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Massachusetts .....	Thomas W. Davis.....	Boston.
Michigan .....	Lou B. Winsor .....	Reed City.
Minnesota .....	John Fishel .....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic Gordon Speed...	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	John R. Parson.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges, Jr....	Helena.
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New York .....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
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Oregon .....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland.
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South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
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Tennessee .....	John B. Garrett .....	Nashville.

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Vermont.....	Henry H. Rosa.....	Burlington.
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Saskatchewan.....	John M. Shaw.....	Regina.
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Washington.....	EDWIN HUGH VAN PATTEN.....	Dayton.
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Texas.....	GEORGE W. TYLER.....	Belton.
Switzerland .....	LOUIS REICHENBACH.....	St. Gall.
New Zealand.....	HOWELL Y. WIDDOWSON.....	Dunedin.
Western Australia.....	FREDERICK LEE PARKES.....	Perth.
Montana.....	LEW L. CALLAWAY.....	Virginia City.
Zur Eintracht.....	GEORGE W. KOCH.....	Glessen.
Three Globes.....	RUDOLF DAHMS.....	Berlin.
Saxony.....	OSKAR LEHMANN.....	Dresden.
New Jersey .....	GEORGE W. FORTMEYER.....	East Orange.
Louisiana .....	ALBERT G. BRICE.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	HENRY R. TAYLOR.....	Machias.
Minnesota.....	WILLIAM C. ODELL.....	Chaska.
South Carolina.....	JAMES R. JOHNSON.....	Charleston.
Alberta .....	CHARLES ERNEST SMYTH.....	Edmonton.
Virginia.....	JOHN F. MAYER.....	Richmond.
Nebraska .....	WILLIAM A. DeBORD.....	Omaha.
Arkansas.....	F. W. TUCKER.....	Little Rock.
Illinois.....	ISAAC CUTTER.....	Camp Point.
Eclectic Union .....	EDUARD HOFFMANN.....	Hanau.
Vermont.....	MARSH O. PERKINS.....	Windsor.
Victoria.....	A. T. HOLDEN.....	Melbourne.
Connecticut.....	ANDREW J. HALLOCK.....	Bethel.
Canada.....	AUGUSTUS T. FREED .....	Hamilton.
Royal York.....	ERNEST PLUMACHER.....	Friedenau.
Germany .....	WILHELM BEGEMANN .....	Charlottenburg.
Mississippi .....	JAMES F. HILL.....	Gloster.
Missouri.....	CHARLES A. SHEPPARD.....	Warrensburg.
Prince Edward Island.....	GEORGE J. LANE.....	Charlottetown.
Oklahoma .....	WILLIAM BUSBY.....	McAlester.
Colorado.....	JOHN B. HAFFY.....	Del Norte.
South Australia.....	CHARLES R. J. GLOVER.....	Adelaide.
Saskatchewan.....	ARTHUR STERLING GORRELL.....	Regina.
South Dakota.....	W. JUDSON OLDFIELD.....	Milbank.
West Virginia.....	S. D. STOKES.....	Williamson.
Hamburg.....	KARL ROHLK .....	Hamburg.
York Mexico.....	FREDERICK E. YOUNG.....	City of Mexico.

# REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK,

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Location.
Alabama .....	OTTO W. VOLGER.....	Buffalo.
Arizona.....	JOHN H. HAEMER.....	New Rochelle.
Arkansas .....	J. WILLIAM PROUSE .....	Buffalo.
California.....	ANDREW J. CORSA.....	Brooklyn.
Colorado.....	WILLIAM H. SMITH.....	Mamaroneck.
Connecticut.....	MATHEW W. BRONSON.....	Larchmont.
Delaware.....	JOHN E. SPARROW.....	Brooklyn.
District of Columbia..	WILLIAM M. CALDER.....	Brooklyn.
Florida.....	WILLIAM R. DENHAM.....	New York.
Georgia.....	LOUIS NEUFFER.....	New York.
Idaho .....	EMIL H. SCHMIDT.....	Rochester.
Illinois .....	DELBERT GREENE.....	Brooklyn.
Indiana.....	WILLIAM H. TAUBERT.....	New York.
Kansas .....	ARTHUR W. HILLEBRAND.....	New York.
Louisiana.....	LOUIS DAVIS.....	New York.
Maine .....	WILLIAM J. MOORE.....	New York.
Maryland.....	CHARLES T. LUNT.....	New York.
Michigan.....	EDWARD K. EMERY.....	East Aurora.
Minnesota.....	ALBORN W. WILLIAMS.....	New York.
Mississippi.....	HENRY ULMANN.....	New York.
Missouri.....	WILLIAM H. PAILES, SR.....	New York.
Montana.....	THOMAS W. TAYLOR.....	Brooklyn.
Nebraska.....	THOMAS LEARY.....	Ossining.
Nevada.....	WILLIAM DEMPSTER.....	Buffalo.
New Hampshire.....	WILLIAM F. WIEBE.....	New York.
New Jersey.....	.....	.....
North Carolina.....	HERMAN A. METZ.....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	DAVID MACKAY, JR.....	New York.
Ohio .....	IVAN T. BURNAY.....	Little Falls.
Oklahoma.....	MICHAEL J. EARLEY.....	Batavia.
Oregon .....	.....	.....
Rhode Island.....	SAMUEL C. WILSON.....	New York.
South Carolina.....	CHARLES SHUFELT.....	New York.
South Dakota.....	JAMES E. HARDENBURGH.....	New York.
Tennessee.....	ALFRED L. MADISON.....	Brooklyn.
Texas.....	JOHN A. SMITH.....	Brooklyn.
Utah .....	SIDNEY MAY.....	New York.
Vermont.....	FREDERICK W. WHITE.....	Albany.
Virginia .....	ISAAC B. RIPIN.....	New York.
Washington.....	WILLIAM C. SMITH.....	Rochester.
West Virginia.....	JOHN W. ENGLAND.....	New York.
Wisconsin .....	GEORGE C. MARKELL.....	St. Johnsville.
Alberta .....	JOSEPH MCKAY.....	Troy.
Belgium .....	GEORGE MCGOWN.....	Palmyra.
British Columbia.....	JOSEPH A. LAWSON.....	Albany.
Canada .....	J. HUNGERFORD SMITH.....	Rochester.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Location.
Costa Rica.....	HARRY LEVY .....	New York.
Cuba .....	MILBURY VAN VALKENBURG .....	Rochester.
Denmark.....	FREDERIC C. WAGNER.....	New York.
Eclectic Union.....	JONAS E. REINTHALER.....	New York.
England .....	FREDERICK P. MORRIS.....	Garden City.
Germany.....	CHRISTIAN DOHM.....	New York.
Hamburg .....	BENNO LOEWY.....	New York.
Hungary. ....	EDWIN B. ANDERSON .....	Palmyra.
Ireland.....	J. CASTREE WILLIAMS.....	New York.
Manitoba.....	SAMUEL F. PRATT.....	Alden.
New Brunswick.....	MOSES GREENBAUM.....	New York.
New South Wales....	ROBERT FROTHINGHAM.....	New York.
New Zealand.....	GEORGE W. MILLAR.....	New York.
Norway.....	RUDOLPH HOLDE .....	New York.
Nova Scotia.....	WILLIAM J. MADDEN.....	Brooklyn.
Porto Rico.....	LOUIS MEYER.....	New York.
Prince Edward Island.	WILLIAM GILMORE.....	Troy.
Quebec. ....	ANDREW J. KELLAR.....	Buffalo.
Royal York.....	GOTTHARDT A. LITTHAUER. ....	New York.
Saskatchewan.....	ADOLPH OPPENHEIMER .....	New York.
Saxony.....	JACOB HOFER.....	Brooklyn.
Scotland.....	HARVEY A. PATTERSON .....	New York.
South Australia .....	WILLIAM R. HUGHES .....	New York.
Sweden.....	CHARLES SCHUMACHER .....	Brooklyn.
Switzerland.....	GUSTAV ABRAMS.....	New York.
Tasmania.....	LOUIS STAMPER.....	New York.
Three Globes .....	HENRY C. STRAHMANN.....	New York.
Victoria .....	HERMAN STARK.....	New York.
Western Australia ....	OTTO DENIS.....	New York.
York Mexico.....	HENRY HUDSON.....	Hudson.
Zur Eintracht .....	E. THEODORE HAEBLER.....	New York.
Zur Sonne .....	LEOPOLD GUGGENBERGER.....	New York.



## FIRST SIX OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1781	William Walter.....	James McCuen.....	J Stindholme Brownrigg.....	John Beardsley.....	Joshua Watson.....	William Cook.....
1782	William Walter.....	James McCuen.....	*J Stindholme Brownrigg.....	*John Beardsley.....	*Joshua Watson.....	*William Cook.....
1783	William Cook.....	Archibald Cunningham.....	Patrick McDavitt.....	Patrick McDavitt.....	Samuel Kerr.....	James Clark.....
1784	*William Cook.....	Samuel Kerr.....	*Patrick McDavitt.....	James Saldier.....	Daniel McCormick.....	Jno. Lawrence & Jas. Gilles.
1785	Robert R. Livingston.....	Samuel Kerr.....	Peter W. Yates.....	James Saldier.....	Daniel McCormick.....	Jno. Lawrence & Jas. Gilles.
1786	Robert R. Livingston.....	Richard Harrison.....	Peter W. Yates.....	Peter McDougall.....	John Shaw.....	James Scott.....
1787	Robert R. Livingston.....	Richard Harrison.....	Peter W. Yates.....	Peter McDougall.....	William Maxwell.....	James Scott.....
1788	Robert R. Livingston.....	Richard Harrison.....	Peter W. Yates.....	Peter McDougall.....	White Maxwell.....	Jacob Morton.....
1789	Robert R. Livingston.....	William Malcolm.....	Peter McDougall.....	John Meyer.....	John Pinard.....	Jacob Morton.....
1790	Robert R. Livingston.....	William Malcolm.....	Peter McDougall.....	John Meyer.....	Francis Childs.....	Jacob Morton.....
1791	Robert R. Livingston.....	Peter McDougall.....	Jacob Morton.....	John Meyer.....	William Wright.....	John Abrams.....
1792	Robert R. Livingston.....	Peter McDougall.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	William Wright.....	John Abrams.....
1793	Robert R. Livingston.....	Peter McDougall.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	William Wright.....	John Abrams.....
1794	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1795	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1796	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1797	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1798	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1799	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1800	Robert R. Livingston.....	Jacob Morton.....	James Scott.....	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	John Abrams.....
1801	Jacob Morton.....	Edward Livingston.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Abraham Skinner.....	John Jacob Astor.....	John Abrams.....
1802	Jacob Morton.....	Edward Livingston.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Abrams.....
1803	Jacob Morton.....	Edward Livingston.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Abrams.....
1804	Jacob Morton.....	Edward Livingston.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Abrams.....
1805	Jacob Morton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Abrams.....
1806	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	James Woods.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Wells.....
1807	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	James Woods.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Wells.....
1808	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	James Woods.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Wells.....
1809	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	James Woods.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Wells.....
1810	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Wells.....
1811	De Witt Clinton.....	Martin Hoffman.....	Cadwallader D. Colden.....	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.....	Robert Cocks.....	John Wells.....

\* Resigned.

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Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1812	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer	Sampeon Simeon	John Wells.
1813	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	Sampeon Simeon	John Wells.
1814	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	John W. Mulligan	John Wells.
1815	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	Sampeon Simeon	John Wells.
1816	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	Cornelius Rogert	John Wells.
1817	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	Cornelius Rogert	Elias Hicks.
1818	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	Cornelius Rogert	Elias Hicks.
1819	De Witt Clinton	Martin Hoffman	Cadwalader D. Colden	Elisha Gilbert	Cornelius Rogert	Elias Hicks.
1820	Daniel D. Tompkins.	John W. Mulligan	William Irving	Elisha Gilbert	Cornelius Rogert	Elias Hicks.
1821	Daniel D. Tompkins.	John W. Mulligan	John Greig	Richard Hatfield	Cornelius Rogert	Elias Hicks.
1822	Joseph Enos.	John Brush	John Greig	Richard Hatfield	Cornelius Rogert	Elias Hicks.
1823	Joseph Enos.	John Brush	Nathaniel Allen	Thomas Barker	Welcome Kalseck	Charles G. Haines.
1824	Joseph Enos.	John Brush	Nathaniel Allen	Thomas Barker	Welcome Kalseck	John W. Oakley.
1825	Stephen Van Rensselaer	John Brush	Ezra S. Cozier	Eliza T. Foote	Welcome Kalseck	Benazer Wadsworth.
1826	Stephen Van Rensselaer	John Brush	Ezra S. Cozier	Eliza T. Foote	Welcome Kalseck	Benazer Wadsworth.
1827	Stephen Van Rensselaer	Richard Hatfield	Ezra S. Cozier	Eliza T. Foote	George W. Hyer	Oliver M. Lowndes.
1828	Stephen Van Rensselaer	Henry J. Felius	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1829	Stephen Van Rensselaer	Henry J. Felius	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1830	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1831	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1832	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1833	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1834	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1835	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1836	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1837	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1838	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1839	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1840	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1841	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1842	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1843	Morgan Lewis	Nordcaal Myers	Ezra S. Cozier	Welcome Kalseck	James Van Benschoten	James Herring.
1844	Alexander H. Robertson	John D. Willard	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	James Herring.
1845	Alexander H. Robertson	John D. Willard	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	James Herring.
1846	John D. Willard	Isaac Phillips	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1847	John D. Willard	Isaac Phillips	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1848	John D. Willard	Oscar Cole	Richard Carrique	Ezra S. Barnum	John Horspool	Robert R. Boyd.
1849	John D. Willard	William H. Milnor	Ezra S. Barnum	Nelson Randall	Gerardus Boyce	Robert R. Boyd.
1850	William H. Milnor	Nelson Randall	Dan. S. Wright	William Holmes	Gerardus Boyce	James W. Powell.

\* Died January 2, 1844. E. W. Joerns Sr. was appointed to fill the vacancy.

1851	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1851	Oscar Coles.....	Nelson Randall.....	Dan. S. Wright.....	William Holmes.....	Gerardus Boyce.....	James W. Powell.
1852	Nelson Randall.....	Joseph D. Evans.....	Dan. S. Wright.....	Jarvis M. Hatch.....	Thomas Dugan, sr.....	James W. Powell.
1853	Reuben H. Walworth.....	Joseph D. Evans.....	Jarvis M. King.....	Finlay M. King.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1854	Joseph D. Evans.....	John L. Lewis, Jr.....	Finlay M. King.....	James Hyde.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1855	Joseph D. Evans.....	John L. Lewis, Jr.....	Finlay M. King.....	James Hyde.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1856	John L. Lewis, Jr.....	Robert Macoy.....	Finlay M. King.....	Benjamin H. Austin.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1857	John L. Lewis, Jr.....	John W. Simons.....	Finlay M. King.....	Clinton F. Paige.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1858	John L. Lewis, Jr.....	John W. Simons.....	Finlay M. King.....	Clinton F. Paige.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1859	John L. Lewis, Jr.....	Finlay M. King.....	Clinton F. Paige.....	Stephen H. Johnson.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1860	John W. Simons.....	John J. Crane.....	Clinton F. Paige.....	Peter P. Murphy.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1861	Finlay M. King.....	Clinton F. Paige.....	Stephen H. Johnson.....	James Gibson.....	Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1862	John J. Crane.....	J. B. Yates Sommers.....	Stephen H. Johnson.....	John R. Anderson.....	*Charles L. Church.....	James M. Austin.
1863	Clinton F. Paige.....	Robert D. Holmes.....	James Gibson.....	John R. Anderson.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1864	Robert D. Holmes.....	Stephen H. Johnson.....	James Gibson.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1865	Robert D. Holmes.....	Stephen H. Johnson.....	James Gibson.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1866	Stephen H. Johnson.....	John H. Anthon.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1867	Stephen H. Johnson.....	John H. Anthon.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1868	James Gibson.....	John H. Anthon.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1869	James Gibson.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1870	John H. Anthon.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1871	John H. Anthon.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1872	Christopher G. Fox.....	Ellwood E. Thorne.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1873	Christopher G. Fox.....	Ellwood E. Thorne.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	James W. Husted.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1874	Ellwood E. Thorne.....	James W. Husted.....	Jesse B. Anthony.....	Levi M. Gano.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1875	Ellwood E. Thorne.....	James W. Husted.....	Jesse B. Anthony.....	Levi M. Gano.....	John W. Simons.....	James M. Austin.
1876	James W. Husted.....	Joseph J. Couch.....	Jesse B. Anthony.....	John D. Williams.....	Gregory Satterlee.....	James M. Austin.
1877	Joseph J. Couch.....	Edmund L. Judson.....	Jesse B. Anthony.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	Gregory Satterlee.....	James M. Austin.
1878	Edmund L. Judson.....	Charles Roome.....	Jesse B. Anthony.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	Charles S. Arthur.....	James M. Austin.
1879	Charles Roome.....	Horace S. Taylor.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	William A. Brodie.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1880	Jesse B. Anthony.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	William A. Brodie.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1881	Horace S. Taylor.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	Benjamin Flagler.....	John W. Vrooman.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1882	Benjamin Flagler.....	J. Edward Simmons.....	William A. Brodie.....	James Ten Eyck.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1883	J. Edward Simmons.....	William A. Brodie.....	William A. Brodie.....	James Ten Eyck.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1884	William A. Brodie.....	Frank R. Lawrence.....	John W. Vrooman.....	John Hodge.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1885	Frank R. Lawrence.....	John W. Vrooman.....	James Ten Eyck.....	John Hodge.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1886	Frank R. Lawrence.....	John W. Vrooman.....	James Ten Eyck.....	John Hodge.....	John Boyd.....	James M. Austin.
1887	Frank R. Lawrence.....	John W. Vrooman.....	James Ten Eyck.....	John Hodge.....	Washington E. Connor.....	James M. Austin.
1888	Frank R. Lawrence.....	John W. Vrooman.....	James Ten Eyck.....	John Hodge.....	Washington E. Connor.....	James M. Austin.

\* Died June 22, 1885, M. W. W. JOHN W. SIMONS appointed to fill the vacancy.  
 † Died December 2, 1891, R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS  
 appointed to fill the vacancy.

Year	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Sen. Grand Warden.	Jun. Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1889	John W. Vrooman	William Sherer	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1890	John W. Vrooman	William Sherer	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1891	William Sherer	James Ten Eyck	John Hodge	William A. Sutherland	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1892	James Ten Eyck	Frederick A. Burnham	John Hodge	William A. Sutherland	John J. Gorman	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1893	Frederick A. Burnham	John Stewart	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Jerome E. Morse	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1894	John Hodge	John Stewart	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Jerome E. Morse	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1895	John Stewart	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	William J. McDonald	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1896	John Stewart	William A. Sutherland	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	George Hayes	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1897	William A. Sutherland	Wright D. Pownall	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	George W. White	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1898	William A. Sutherland	Wright D. Pownall	Charles E. Ide	Charles W. Cushman	George W. White	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1899	Wright D. Pownall	Charles W. Mead	Charles W. Cushman	Frank H. Robinson	Theodore A. Taylor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1900	Charles W. Mead	Albert Crandall	Charles W. Cushman	Frank H. Robinson	Theodore A. Taylor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1901	Albert Crandall	Frank H. Robinson	Frank H. Robinson	S. Nelson Sawyer	Theodore A. Taylor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1902	Albert Crandall	Frank H. Robinson	S. Nelson Sawyer	Charles Smith	Theodore A. Taylor	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1903	Albert Crandall	Frank H. Robinson	S. Nelson Sawyer	Charles Smith	John R. Gardner	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1904	Frank H. Robinson	Townsend Scudder	S. Nelson Sawyer	Charles Smith	John R. Gardner	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1905	Frank H. Robinson	Townsend Scudder	S. Nelson Sawyer	Charles Smith	Frederick P. Morris	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1906	Townsend Scudder	S. Nelson Sawyer	Charles Smith	Thomas Penney	Frederick P. Morris	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1907	Townsend Scudder	S. Nelson Sawyer	Charles Smith	Thomas Penney	William H. Miller	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1908	S. Nelson Sawyer	R. Judson Kenworthy	Charles Smith	Thomas Penney	William H. Miller	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1909	S. Nelson Sawyer	R. Judson Kenworthy	Charles Smith	Thomas Penney	William H. Miller	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1910	R. Judson Kenworthy	Charles Smith	Thomas Penney	William S. Farmer	William H. Miller	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1911	R. Judson Kenworthy	Charles Smith	Thomas Penney	William S. Farmer	William H. Miller	Edward M. L. Ehlers.

\* Honorary Past Grand Master.

# REPORTS

OF

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,  
*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In accordance with the constitution the statistical report has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, covering the Lodges in the First District. The growth in numbers is a healthy one, and the care exercised in the admission of new members deserves commendation. With the greatest satisfaction I can report all Lodges as prosperous and harmonious.

I have visited every Lodge in the District at least once, and have been received with uniform courtesy and assurances of loyalty to the Grand Lodge, and have listened with exceeding pleasure to the many expressions of love and regard in which you are held.

The year has been one of exceeding profit to the Craft throughout the District, as the following record will show: On Saturday, August 20, the cornerstone of Morton Lodge, No. 63, of Hempstead, was laid, and on that occasion it was my privilege to act as Grand Secretary; on Monday, November 28, the Brethren of Babylon Lodge, No. 793, Babylon, N. Y., dedicated their new temple; January 26, Olympia Lodge, No. 808, of Far Rockaway, dedicated their new temple, costing over \$45,000, and it was my privilege to assist you as Junior Grand Warden, and on Monday, April 17, the brethren of Morton Lodge dedicated their beautiful new temple, when it was my privilege to assist you as Deputy Grand Master.

On Friday, February 3, the annual convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in the Lodge room of Jamaica Lodge, when every Lodge in the district was represented. The attendance was exceptionally good and the work ably rendered.

The one discordant note in the year's work has been caused by the carelessness of several of the Lodges in New York City and Brooklyn disregarding the exclusive jurisdictional authority resting in the Lodges of Queens County. A more careful scrutiny over the applications and likewise the applicants from this District on the part of the Lodges in the above-named cities is essential not only to prevent this infringement on the rights of the First District, but likewise to prevent unworthy material from gaining admittance. I am pleased, however, that in the several

cases where complaint has been necessary, prompt action on the part of the Deputies in whose territory the trouble originated, has avoided more serious complications.

I desire to thank you for the opportunity for service you have given me, in being one of your official family this year, and on behalf of Glen Cove Lodge, No. 580, in again having one of her sons fill this important position.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

HARRY L. HEDGER,  
*D. D. G. M., First Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M'. W'. Brother: In rendering an account of my stewardship, I desire first to again thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and upon the Lodge of which I am a member, through your appointment of me as your representative in the Second District. I assure you that the pleasure of having served you far exceeds the labor which the office entails, and the duties, though arduous at times, have in their performance been made pleasant by the fact that perhaps in some way, or in some manner, something might be said or done which would in a small measure be of benefit to the Craft.

You once heard me say publicly that I was anxious to serve the district under your administration. I repeat this, but wish to add to the statement that the honor which the office conveyed, though great, was not uppermost in my mind. I had served the District two years as Assistant Grand Lecturer, had visited every Lodge, and felt that perhaps I was more familiar with existing conditions than possibly another who might have been selected. I felt that I knew where the weak spots were and that I might be able to render both you and the District some small service in strengthening these weak spots, and while I have not met with one-half the success I had hoped to, I feel that possibly conditions throughout the district have been in some small degree improved under my administration.

It is a pleasure to assure you that with the exception of one black spot, with which you are acquainted, the district is in a splendid condition. I have exerted some effort in encouraging what might be termed the weaker Lodges by urging the Officers and Brethren of other Lodges to visit the smaller Lodges frequently and assist in the conferring of the degrees, and the result of my efforts has been most satisfactory. Some of the older Lodges which had gotten into a lethargic state have taken a new lease on life, as it were, and show every indication of future prosperity.

A School of Instruction has been conducted in the District for a number of years, having been supported by payment of dues by the members, and while its influence was beneficial, it did not seem to be far-reaching enough, and at the last annual meeting it was decided to

make the School of real benefit to the Lodges by asking the Lodges to support the institution. I am glad to state that the request met with almost unanimous response, and with two exceptions the Lodges are contributing \$10.00 annually for the support of the School. That the change is beneficial is evidenced by a much larger attendance of the Brethren, and the notices sent out by the various Lodges contain a statement that the Lodge is a contributor to the School of Instruction, and that the Brethren are entitled to all of its benefits.

On each of my visits I have advocated the necessity of a more thorough Masonic education, and have suggested to the brethren that instead of working degrees at every Communication, that at least four meetings each year be devoted to the study of the origin, the history and the symbolism of our order. I have admonished the utmost care in the selection of candidates, trying to impress upon the brethren that quality and not quantity was desirable. I have recommended the utmost caution in the admission of strangers, instructing Junior Deacons that they must be positive before reporting to the Master, that all present are entitled to be present. I have made a practice of dropping in at some of the Lodges unannounced and when I was not expected. I recall one occasion where I had arranged with the Master to be present at the opening of the Lodge with a view of ascertaining just what care was exercised by the Junior Deacon who, after having made a circuit of the Lodge, made the usual report to the Master. I felt convinced that he had never sat in Lodge with me, did not know me, and had no knowledge of whether I was entitled to be present or not. I afterward confronted him with the facts, and he admitted that he had never seen me, and that there were others in the Lodge whom he did not know to be Master Masons, assuming, however, that they would not be there if they were not entitled to be present. It seems to me that the utmost care should be used by a Lodge in the selection of a brother to fill this most important position. I find, however, that the feeling seems to prevail that this is a minor office, and may be filled by almost anyone. To my mind, this is a very serious mistake, and the office should be occupied by a Brother who has some knowledge of its importance, and should not be used merely as a stepping stone to a higher office by the Master appointing some brother to fill this position with no end in view other than his possible advancement or the mere filling of the office by some one with no thought as to his qualifications. It has also occurred to me that more stress might be laid upon the duties of the Junior Deacon by the installing officer. The Lodges throughout the District, with one or two exceptions, are well officered, and the Masters have made themselves familiar with the constitution of the Grand Lodge as well as the ancient Land Marks of the order, and the affairs of the Lodges are being conducted agreeably therewith.

Your recommendation to the Deputies in the matter of the Masters visiting our Home at Utica has been fully carried out and splendidly received, and it is my pleasure to report that with two exceptions the Lodges have directed their Master to visit the Home at Utica, and I have no hesitancy in assuring you that every Master in the Second Masonic District will attend to this very important duty before the close of his term of office. I regret that my appeal to the Brethren to be-

come sponsors to our wards when prepared to leave the Home has not met with a more generous response, as it has not been my good fortune to secure a permanent home or permanent employment for even one of our children. I do know, however, that my talks to the Brethren on this subject have created an interest in and for these children, and feel that some good will yet come out of my efforts. The Lodges in the District were most generous in their remembrance of our children at Christmas time, and I had the pleasure of knowing that contributions were sent to the Christmas Fund by nearly every Lodge in the District.

With the appointment of my successor will have closed one of the happiest years of my life; happy in the lasting friendships formed, happy in the knowledge of having been of some little service to the Craft and happy in the belief that my services have been appreciated by those in whose interest I have labored and by him to whom I was accountable and for whom the performance of any duty became at once a pleasure.

Sincerely and fraternally,

EARL J. ADAMS,

*D. D. G. M., Second Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* I respectfully submit to you a detailed report of the condition of Masonry in the Third District in which I have had the honor of being your official representative during the past year. I have, in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge, forwarded to the Grand Secretary, M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, a statistical record for the year ending December 31, 1910.

In my official capacity I have visited each of the thirty-five Lodges in my District and have found a prosperous and harmonious condition prevailing. The cordiality and fraternal sincerity with which your Deputy has been received reflects the esteem and affection in which our Grand Master is held, and the fealty of our Brethren to their order. The absolute accord in all our Lodges in their work and purposes, and their enthusiastic indorsement of all we, as Masons, profess and advocate, augur well for the future of Free Masonry.

It is gratifying to report that the membership of this District, which now totals 10,885 Master Masons, has been increased during the past year by 279, but of far greater importance is the fact that a petitioner's eligibility is more closely scrutinized and conscientiously passed upon in our Lodges than ever before, thus insuring a substantial addition without sacrificing any stated or implied requirement of membership.

The earnest and concerted effort of the Brethren of this District to promote the welfare and objects of our institution has been manifested



in their ready adoption of any suggestion of our M. W. Grand Master whenever submitted to them.

Every Lodge in the Third District delegated its Master to visit the Home at Utica, many of them taking action upon learning of our Grand Master's request before I had the opportunity to officially bring the matter to their notice.

Our Grand Master's request, that we individually as Masons show our interest in the welfare of the orphan children left in our care by providing, if possible, suitable employment for those prepared to undertake the problem of self-support, met with immediate response in a practical manner by our Third District Brethren.

In response to the request for contributions to the Christmas Fund for the children in the Home the Lodges of the Third District sent \$677 to BRO. WILEY, which was subscribed with such spontaneity and cheerfulness as to make its donation of more than pecuniary value.

The large delegation which accompanied our Grand Master on his annual visit to the Masonic Home last June was another exemplification of the deep interest our Brethren take in the purposes of our fraternity, and the knowledge gained on that occasion and the obvious good which we are there accomplishing has lent new vigor to our beneficent impulses.

The Fair held last October under the auspices of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild for the purpose of cancelling the floating debt of the Brooklyn Masonic Temple, and which, through the able management of R. W. ABEL CROOK as President, and R. W. GEORGE FREIFELD as Chairman of the Executive Committee, accomplished such excellent results, was in a great measure brought to this successful conclusion through the united and sustained support given by the Brethren of this District.

A convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held on the evenings of March 30th and 31st in the Brooklyn Masonic Temple. Your deputy received and presented R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, who, with the assistance of W. HENRY G. LOCHMULLER, Assistant Grand Lecturer, rendered a perfect demonstration of how our degrees should be conferred, emphasizing the beauties of our ritual by their impressive work. The large number of Brethren present were edified by the perfect rendition of the degree work and felt inspired to better efforts on their own part.

The Lodges of the Third District instituted a School of Instruction during the past year to promote efficiency in our ritualistic work. Each Lodge contributed ten dollars to defray incurred and possible expenses and the result of the knowledge thus obtained has since been apparent in the improved character of our Lodges' work.

Our Brethren have been spiritually benefited by special services held by our Grand Lodge Chaplains, R. W. and REV. FREDERIC W. NORRIS and R. W. and REV. S. PARKES CADMAN, in their respective churches. On January 15th R. W. BRO NORRIS delivered an impres-

sive and scholarly discourse on the high ideals and accepted obligations of Masons, and on April 23rd, R. W. BRO. CADMAN made an eloquent and forceful address on "Some Outstanding Virtues of our Order." Both services were attended by a representative delegation of our Brethren and each Mason present was impressed with his individual responsibility in practicing the precepts and principles which we as a Fraternity so zealously advocate.

On the evening of December 12, in the Brooklyn Masonic Temple, our M. W. Grand Master ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY was the recipient of a magnificent jewel as a token of his Brethren's regard and love. In their participation in this bestowal the Brethren of our Grand Master's Home District desired to express the sincere affection which they as a fraternity and individually bear him, and hoped to emphasize in the material gift the loving thought and esteem which inspired its presentation.

Before concluding my report I cannot refrain from mentioning my efforts to promote a closer unity of fraternal purpose and sentiment than had previously existed, not particularly in my own District, but in the Borough of Brooklyn as well. In this endeavor I have received the able and sincere coöperation of my Brother Deputy of the Second District, R. W. EARL J. ADAMS, who in spirit as well as in deed contributed largely to the satisfactory results attained.

I have endeavored to impress upon the Masters and Brethren of the Third District the necessity of bringing into Lodge activities those Masons who have been derelict in their allegiance by not actively participating in our labors. Your Deputy has striven to promote a closer fellowship than harmony at times would suggest, a realization of that brotherly love which is the bond of our Fraternity. Social evenings are now frequently indulged in by many of our Lodges and as a result the Brethren become better known to one another and closer attachments ensue.

The honor of having been appointed your official representative in your own District has been deeply appreciated by me. During my term of office I have been brought in close contact with my Brethren and have recognized the many sterling characters which compose the militant force of our Fraternity. I have formed many new friendships and more firmly cemented others which had previously existed. The pleasure of my official incumbency has been supplemented by the uniform support and encouragement accorded me by the Masters past and present, the Grand Lodge officers, and every Brother in this District. The inspiration of your leadership has been an important factor in my work and the unvarying courtesy and consideration which you have extended me has made my official service a genuine pleasure.

Permit me to thank you M. W. Sir, for the honor you have conferred upon me by my appointment and to assure you that my official and personal relations with you will remain among my most treasured recollections.

Accept my most sincere congratulations on your able and conscientious administration as Grand Master and assurance of the recognition by your Brethren of the excellent work which you have accomplished for Free and Accepted Masonry.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN J. MACCRUM,  
*D. D. G. M., Third Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary my report of the Lodges comprising the Fourth District, for the year ending December 31, 1910.

This shows an increase in membership of 158, and I have every reason to believe, from my intimate knowledge of the Lodges as well as the Masters, that the greatest care has been taken in the work of preliminary investigation, to the end that our Craft should be the gainer in the strictest Masonic sense.

It gives me the greatest possible pleasure to report that all differences that existed heretofore have been amicably adjusted and that the District as a whole is in perfect harmony.

I have visited each of the twenty-four Lodges in the District, and was in each most courteously and kindly received, not only by the Masters, but by the individual members, and I have the honor to convey to you, on their behalf, the assurance of their loyalty to the Grand Lodge, and their love for, and abiding faith in their Grand Master.

It was the latter that brought such ready response to the message I had the honor to deliver in your name.

I am sure it will be most gratifying to you to know that men—old men—men who have for years attended Lodge meetings, voting charity from Lodge funds, perhaps contributing privately, feeling they were thus fulfilling their just obligations, have come to realize that being a Mason means something else than just that. It was to such as these that your message came as a new revelation—new, yet old—new, because so many of us wear our Masonry as we would a costume—worn in the Lodge room and left there when we leave—old, because it echoes the ancient command, "Children, honor thy father," and the child being the father to the man, we love our children because we remember how we sought the parent love. With this memory as the foundation we learn to know that greater love, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," which is great enough to include the neighbor's child—the child of a Brother.

Many Brethren, whose Masonic life had grown perfunctory, and many who had grown lethargic, were aroused to a sense of duty long

undone, and resolved to be doers instead of hearers only. One Brother was moved to begin with his own son, a boy of twenty, not bad, but who had, like many of his age, in his superior wisdom, sort of got out of the habit of talking things over with his father, and the father had contributed to this by not getting down to the boy's level of years and lifting him up to the level of his experience. He realized now that his boy would be the better man if he had the loving comradeship of a patient father—I mention this only to show how profound is the result of your message, and how earnestly it was received and acted upon.

One by one faces are missed at each Annual Communication—two who were with us a year ago have gone, and while we deplore their absence we bow to a Superior Will.

W'. WILLIAM SUTPHEN, Master of Lodge of Strict Observance, left this life in November, 1910.

R'. W'. RICHARD H. THOMAS was called in January of this year.

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

The year has not been without its historic events; Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 celebrated the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its existence on December 15, 1910, with appropriate ceremony, and the unveiling of a bronze tablet in the Lodge room.

On April 13, 1911, a joint communication was held by St. Johns Lodge No. 1 and Washington Lodge No. 21, at which were displayed the Bible owned by St. Johns Lodge, on which George Washington took the oath of office as President of the United States, together with the one on which he was obligated as a Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Va., in 1752. This latter book was sent here by Fredericksburg Lodge in the care of R'. W'. CLARENCE R. HOWARD, D. D. G. M., Eighth District, Va., and W'. EDGAR M. YOUNG.

Inasmuch as I have been several times invited to, and did participate in the work of several of the Lodges, and my observance of the work of all, convinces me that the Standard Work is very closely adhered to, and coupled with the general spirit of mutual helpfulness that prevails, insures a growth that is in all respects commendable.

I cannot close this report without paying tribute to the Masters, past and present, who have most loyally supported me throughout the year, whose unselfish interest in all things, and at all times, made my work one of pleasure and my path one of peace; I rejoice that I have been a worker with them.

I congratulate you on the success of your administration, and wish you the fullest measure of happiness, which surely comes to those who seek to be true and just. Montgomery Lodge No. 68 joins me in thanking you for the honor conferred, in selecting as your personal representa-

tive in the Fourth District one who has received great benefit in the service, and who takes great pleasure in signing himself

Faithfully yours,

JAMES H. BRICE,

*D. D. G. M., Fourth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.: W.: Brother:* Pursuant to Section 33, Sub-division 5 of the Constitution, I submit to you the following report for the year ending April 1, 1911.

The general condition of Masonry within the Fifth Masonic District is prosperous and harmonious. The Lodges are in good financial condition and the amount of unpaid dues is small.

The Lodges are not only strong in their support of our Home in Utica, but each one is carefully providing for the calls made by local members for charitable relief.

The ritualistic work is being conducted in a dignified and proper form and with a sincere desire to follow and exemplify the Standard Work.

There seems to be a deep appreciation of the necessity of properly scrutinizing the character and standing of candidates for admission into the Fraternity.

During the year a convention was held by the Grand Lecturer for the exemplification of the Standard Work and was well attended and actively participated in by the Brethren of the Fifth District. We have been particularly fortunate in having the assistance and valuable instruction and coöperation of Assistant Grand Lecturer, W.: HERBERT L. CROCKER, of this District, who has inspired many Brethren of the District with his own learning and devotion to the work of the Craft.

This District is in an unusually happy state. There is an unanimity of feeling and action on the part of the Masters and Brethren of the Lodges at present existing such as is seldom witnessed.

In the course of the year I have visited officially each and every Lodge in the District and also I have visited many of them on various occasions unofficially. In the month of April, 1911, in company with a large delegation from this District I visited and made an inspection of the Masonic Home at Utica. We were deeply impressed and greatly gratified at the conditions we there found prevailing.

In my official work I have had the united support of the Masters and Brethren and acknowledge my sincere thanks therefor.

There has been throughout my visitations a continued manifestation

of loyalty, regard and affection for yourself as Grand Master which I take the greatest pleasure in transmitting to you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

PAUL M. CRANDELL,

*D. D. G. M., Fifth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:* I have the honor to report that I have transmitted to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the report of the condition of the twenty-six Lodges of the Sixth Masonic District as required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Therein it appears that the number of Master Masons in good standing in this District, on December 31, 1910, is 6,007, an increase of 188 over the year of 1909.

The diligence and fidelity with which each Lodge has regulated the standing of its members is responsible for the seemingly small increase, and the number here given represents so far as possible only such as are fully entitled to membership in the Fraternity.

Each Lodge in the District has been visited, officially, at least once, and has been found upon examination to be in excellent condition. Upon all occasions the Masters of Sister Lodges, past and present Grand Lodge Officers and many members of the Association of Masters and Past Masters of the Sixth Masonic District have made the visit of the District Deputy a memorable one, and served to encourage the Master and to inspire the Brethren of the Lodge visited with a lively and zealous interest in their duties and work.

Greater attention is being given to the business details of each Lodge, and so far as possible the several Secretaries, some of whom display marked ability, are applying systematic methods to the conduct of their office which will tend to safeguard and accurately record the receipt as well as disbursement of Lodge funds, a most desirable consideration.

It is most gratifying to report that there is a uniform and whole-souled desire on the part of the Masters of the District to aid and assist each other in the discharge of their duties, and in furtherance of that purpose frequent meetings have been held by them, at which the Deputy has been privileged to be present, to discuss and formulate plans for the general welfare, as well as for the enlightenment and instruction of the individual. This has given rise to a pleasant intimacy and general friendship, which guarantees a continuance of harmony and fraternal good-will throughout the District, and an unity in loyalty and devotion to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge and the Craft.

The suggestions made by you as to the care of the wards of the Craft have been imparted to all the Lodges, and the Brethren are ready and eager to cooperate in any plan which may secure their future welfare.

The Grand Lodge and this District have lost a Past Grand Master of distinction and renown by the death of M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS, Master of Kane Lodge No. 454 in 1877 and 1878. In affectionate remembrance, a window in the new Chapel at the Masonic Home in Utica will be devoted to his memory.

And this new Chapel affords Kane Lodge also the opportunity to again testify to the ever-present reverence with which they hold the name and fame of M. W. CHARLES ROOME, who was its Master in the years of 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1876, for a window has also been designed therefor as his memorial.

Permit me to express my deep appreciation of the honor you have so graciously bestowed by selecting a member of Kane Lodge No. 454 as your District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth District and be assured that your kind friendship and exceeding courtesy to my Brother Deputies and myself on all occasions will be gratefully cherished.

With expressions of highest esteem and affection, and all wishes for your welfare and prosperity, believe me,  
Fraternally yours.

HAROLD E. LIPPINCOTT,  
*D. D. G. M., Sixth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: Complying with Constitutional requirement, I have forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges in the Seventh District for the year ending December 31, 1910. This report shows an increase in membership for the year of 297.

As your representative I have visited officially every Lodge in the District, and upon each occasion was received by the Brethren with marked courtesy and cordial greeting, the kindly expressions of regard and esteem for the Grand Master evidencing the place you hold in their affections, and the words of welcome bearing testimony to their fidelity and strong attachment to the principles of our institution.

The Square Club, the association of Masters and Past Masters in the District, was represented upon the official visits of the District Deputy by uniformly large delegations. Aside from being very gratifying to the Deputy, the presence of these faithful Brethren engenders a feeling of sociability and good fellowship among the Lodges that would not otherwise exist.

There has been no occasion for the exercise of official discipline during the year, and nothing has arisen calculated to disturb the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the District.

Due care is being exercised in the admission of candidates, the Standard Work is closely adhered to, the books are generally well kept, in many instances they are models of neatness and accuracy.

Three Lodges, Columbian 484, Pyramid 490 and Park 516 have celebrated their 50th anniversary with exercises appropriate to such an event, each function being highly successful and tending to stimulate endeavor to greater achievement.

An appeal to the several Lodges in the District was made in November for a specified sum for the purpose of assisting the Superintendent of the Home in the customary Christmas celebration. Every Lodge responded to the call, and early in December the sum of \$335, which included a donation of \$25 from the Square Club, was forwarded to R. W. BRO. WILEY to use as his judgment dictated.

It is with profound sorrow that record is made of the death of R. W. THOMAS MOORE who departed this life on July 18, 1910. He was initiated into Masonry in February, 1867, served as Master of Copestone No. 641 in 1882 and 1883, appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh District in 1889, and was reappointed in 1890. Elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund in 1895, serving three years, was founder and first President of the Square Club, and for many years an active and energetic worker in the Masonic Board of Relief, a useful and capable official, a true Mason, a most devoted friend, firm and honest in his convictions; he loved Masonry and his interest in its work and devotion to its principles is his best monument.

Gratefully, acknowledging the lasting honor conferred in being selected as your representative in the Seventh District, expressing my deep appreciation of your never-failing courtesy, thanking you personally and in the name of Pyramid Lodge No. 490 for being permitted to share in your successful administration, I join with the Brethren of the Seventh District in best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity.

Fraternally yours,

DANA B. PRATT,  
D. D. G. M., *Seventh Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the Constitutional requirements of the Grand Lodge, I have prepared and transmitted to the Grand Secretary, M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, a statement of the condition of the Lodges in the Eighth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

The report shows a steady and healthy growth in the membership of each Lodge, with a watchful care for the established standards. I have visited officially each Lodge in the District and have made numerous unofficial visits and have been more than pleased with the evidences of



devotion to the principles of the Craft, and the loyalty of the Lodges for the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of New York, and to you, its Presiding Officer.

It is also a pleasure to report that I have had the faithful support of the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present Masters and all the Brethren, signifying that peace and harmony prevail, and in all my official visits have been most courteously received as your representative.

There have been three Lodges working under dispensation during the year, and their work has proven very satisfactory. With but few exceptions, have found the Lodges using the Standard Work. Those not using it were urged to adopt same.

The Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in the Grand Lodge Room, New Masonic Hall, on February 1 and 2, 1911. The work was conducted by R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was large and enthusiastic.

Several events of note have taken place during my term of office—one in particular I desire to call attention to, viz.—the entertainment and ball given by the Eighth Masonic District in aid of our Wards at the Home in Utica. The proceeds netted \$2,500. Same has been invested and known as the Children's Fund of the Eighth Masonic District Masters' Association. I sincerely trust each succeeding year will add largely to it.

I most sincerely thank you for the honor conferred upon Ancient Lodge No. 724, and upon myself in my appointment as your representative in the Eighth Masonic District, and I beg to assure you that it has been an honor to serve you.

Congratulating you most heartily upon your successful administration and with best wishes for your future, believe me,

Sincerely and Fraternally,

ANDREW T. TALLMADGE,  
*D. D. G. M., Eighth Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report of the Lodges in the Ninth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

This report shows an increase in membership of 49. While not large, I am pleased to state that the District is in a fine, healthy and prosperous condition, and above all, peace and harmony prevail among its members.

As your representative, I have visited every Lodge of the District officially at least once. With the exception of "Wanderer," U. D. I have

visited on three different occasions and have been accorded by all the Lodges a royal fraternal welcome and assurance of loyalty and esteem, in which you, M.'. W.'. Grand Master, are held.

On all my visits I have been accompanied by R.'. W.'. VAL. A. HAMMEL, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and by a large number of Brethren, Masters, Past Masters and Past Grand Officers of the District, and desire to place on record my grateful appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me as your representative.

October 2nd showed that a true Masonic spirit is prevailing in the District. On that day over 5,000 Brethren of the District, their families and friends, celebrated our annual Traubenfest at our Home grounds at Tappan, N. Y., on which occasion you, M.'. W.'. Grand Master, accompanied by many Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, honored the German Masonic Temple Association with your presence. This festival netted the Association over \$4,400.

On the evening of October 28th, I had the pleasure to visit the Brooklyn Masonic Guild Fair with a delegation of forty-five Masters and Past Masters, and presented, through you, to the Board of Trustees a small contribution of \$530 in gold to help the Guild in their grand undertaking.

The fiftieth anniversary of Humboldt Lodge, No. 512, on March 1st and 2nd will long be remembered by all who participated on this occasion.

Your recommendation to the Lodges for every Master during his administration to visit at least once the Home in Utica was generally adopted by all the Lodges in the District.

On April 23, 1911, I had the pleasure of visiting the Home with the Masters, Past Masters and some ladies, fifty-six in all. R.'. W.'. BRO. WILEY, his wife and daughter did all that was in their power to make our visit interesting. Each Master is now in a position to speak in glowing terms of the magnificent work done by our great Fraternity.

In closing, I wish to thank you most sincerely for the honor you have bestowed upon Hermann Lodge, No. 268, and myself in appointing me your representative of the Ninth District and also for the honor of your presence at my homecoming on April 19th.

Congratulating you on your most successful administration and wishing you health and happiness, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN D. STRAHMANN,  
*D. D. G. M., Ninth Masonic District.*

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TO MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I beg to report to you herewith the general condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District during

my administration as District Deputy Grand Master in the year of 1910-1911. I have transmitted to the Grand Secretary a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge in the District for the year ending December 31, 1910. According to the last census, you will note that the present number of Master Masons in the fourteen Lodges composing the District is seventeen hundred and seventy-three, a gain of three hundred and four over the previous year. It gives me great pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, to state that the best of harmony and the truest Masonic spirit prevails in all the Lodges of the District—even if at times there appear to be dissensions, I attribute these solely to the warm blood and high spirit which is characteristic of the Latin races. These supposed dissensions are, however, of short duration and usually harmless. In my official capacity I have visited every Lodge of the District, and in each instance your representative was more than pleased to notice the earnest devotion of the Brethren to the tenets of the Craft, and the loyalty of each to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It is with pleasure that I report the District in a most healthy condition, and though a mere increase of numbers is not conclusive proof of progress, it is nevertheless a fact that the composition of the Brethren of the Tenth Masonic District is of a very high standard.

Permit me again, Most Worshipful Sir, to express to you my gratitude for the high honor which you have bestowed upon me, in appointing me your Deputy. Thanking you for your confidence and for the many courtesies extended, I beg to remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JEAN C. TANTY,

*D. D. G. M., Tenth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, the statistical report of the Lodges constituting the Eleventh Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910, which shows a steady and healthy increase.

There was a noteworthy event during the year which will go down in the history of the Eleventh District as one of the greatest. Richmond Lodge No. 66 had been looking forward for a year or more and planning for the cancelling of the mortgage which had been resting on their building for many years. After you consented to be present, immediate arrangements were made to hold it at a regular communication, November 7, 1910. Your coming to us with a goodly number of Grand Lodge Officers created enthusiasm and interest among the Craft long to be remembered.

The annual convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work for the Eleventh Masonic District was held in the rooms of Tompkins Lodge No. 471 by R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, on December 1st and 2nd. The first and second degrees were exemplified the first evening and the third was to have been on the second, but owing to a funeral of one of the members, the third degree had to be omitted. I trust some good work has come from BRO. HUBBARD's efforts.

I have visited all of the Lodges in the District officially and unofficially and am greatly impressed with the harmonious condition existing. A District Deputy is not confined entirely to his own District. I was with you on your visit to the German Masonic Home at Tappan on Sunday, October 2, 1910. I have been at most of the homecomings of the Deputies of the Metropolitan District and have gone with all the present Masters of the Eleventh District on April 14th to make a visit to the Masonic Home at Utica, in compliance with your message to the Deputies. I will long cherish in my memory the very pleasant times I have had in attending the homecomings of my colleagues.

Sincerely thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me and upon Huguenot Lodge No. 381 by appointing me as your Deputy, and congratulating you upon the splendid success of your administration, may prosperity be yours for many years to come, I am,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

JOSEPH A. FORRESTER,

*D. D. G. M., Eleventh Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: With a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the honor which you conferred upon me by appointing me as your representative for the Twelfth Masonic District, I respectfully make my report of the general condition of Masonry in this District.

I went over the entire District and visited and made a personal examination of the condition of each Lodge.

In every case the representative of the Grand Master was received with cordiality and enthusiasm, and I am pleased to report that the Twelfth District is in a prosperous condition.

Peace and harmony prevail among the Brethren throughout the entire District with the exception of the Lodge U. D.

Thanking you again for the courtesy and consideration with which you have treated me during my term.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. WEEKS,

*D. D. G. M., Twelfth Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges composing the Thirteenth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

This report shows a membership of three thousand two hundred eighty-three—an increase of one hundred fourteen over the last report.

This result is very gratifying when we take into consideration the evident desire of the Lodges not to increase numerically to the detriment of the honor and reputation of the Craft.

I have visited each of the sixteen Lodges in the District as your representative, and have on all occasions been most loyally received. The work has been more than pleasant, and I certainly have enjoyed the fraternal support of the Brethren throughout the entire District. I sincerely thank you for the honor conferred upon Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, and myself, in selecting me as your representative, and I wish to assure you that I have on all occasions endeavored to do my whole duty, and to the best of my ability.

Congratulating you upon the great success of your Administration and hoping that your life may be spared for many years of service to the Craft, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES D. MCGIFFERT,

*D. D. G. M., Thirteenth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges composing the Fourteenth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

I am pleased to report that all the Lodges in my District are in fine working condition, and that now peace and harmony prevail to an unusual extent. The work is generally good and in most cases well up to the standard. As a rule, I have found the books and records well and accurately kept; a few slight irregularities have been corrected.

The Lodges, with the exception of one or two, are progressive, and even though there has been a considerable loss by death, the total mem-

bership has increased materially over last year. I have tried to impress upon the Brethren generally the importance of owning their own homes, and it is quite probable that in the near future some of the Lodges will consider the matter seriously.

The annual convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in Masonic Hall, in the City of Hudson, February 16th, and was attended by an unusually large number of the Brethren, all but one of the Lodges being represented.

All were pleased with the very pleasant and able manner in which R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, conducted the exemplification, and the greatest interest was displayed by the Brethren generally.

As you are aware, I constituted Hendrick Hudson Lodge, June 28th, agreeably to your instructions and installed its officers. In this I had the assistance of R. W. GEO. H. SHERMAN, Triune Lodge, Deputy Grand Master; W. GEO. W. VEDDER, Agawamuck Lodge, Senior Grand Warden; W. M. M. LOWN, Rhinebeck Lodge, Junior Grand Warden; W. H. F. RELYEA, Poughkeepsie Lodge, Grand Treasurer; W. S. F. AVERY, Widow's Son Lodge, Grand Secretary; W. and REV. E. S. RALSTON, Triune Lodge, Grand Chaplain; R. W. C. D. PARKHILL, Triune Lodge, Grand Marshal; W. W. N. WHITE, Warren Lodge, and W. H. T. CLEMANS, Agawamuck Lodge, Grand Stewards; W. ELLWOOD OLIVER, Stissing Lodge, Senior Grand Deacon; W. J. VAN STEENBERG, Monumental Lodge, Junior Grand Deacon; W. JOSEPH McELROY, New York, Grand Tiler; R. W. DERRICK BROWN, Triune Lodge, Grand Sword Bearer; HON. LEWIS S. CHANLER, Grand Standard Bearer. Addresses were made by HON. LEWIS S. CHANLER, R. W. DERRICK BROWN, REV. W. F. BRUSH, REV. E. S. RALSTON, and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER.

I am pleased to say that Hendrick Hudson is in a most flourishing condition, and bids fair to become one of the best Lodges in the District. At the Convention her officers filled the chairs during the exemplification of the second degree and surely did the work in a most satisfactory manner, of which the Grand Lecturer made special mention.

I assure you of my appreciation of the honor conferred upon Triune Lodge and myself, by permitting me to serve another year as District Deputy. It has ever been my endeavor to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and if my efforts have been productive of any good, I shall feel that I am richly paid.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate you most heartily upon your very successful administration, and wish you everything that goes to make a happy and prosperous future. Again thanking you, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN M. JANES,

*D. D. G. M., Fourteenth Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:* The annual report showing the condition of the Lodges in the Fifteenth District has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. The report shows a net gain of 80, a good healthy increase in membership, and I am pleased to note that unusual care has been exercised in the admission of new members.

I have visited each Lodge in the District in my official capacity, and, as your representative, have been received with a warmth and cordiality, demonstrating the loyalty of the Craft in this District to you as Grand Master and to your administration.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire District and a number of Masters and Past Masters have accompanied me on many of my visits. My thanks are due to these Brethren for their unselfish efforts to advance the interest of the Craft, especially to my able Assistant Grand Lecturer, W. SCHUYLER C. BISHOP. On the occasion of my official visit to Kingston Lodge, No. 10, at Kingston, on February 28th, I was accompanied by a number of my associate Grand Lodge Officers and many Brethren from this and adjoining Districts, and I was tendered a splendid reception by this old historic Lodge.

The Lodges deserve high commendation for their ritualistic work and the books and records without exception are in a satisfactory condition. It is worthy of note that several of the Lodges own their own Temple and a number of others are agitating the question.

My work, however, is not necessarily confined to my own District, and on various occasions during my term I have had the rare pleasure of attending with you and other members of the Grand Lodge various functions in other parts of the State.

It is gratifying to assure you that a cordial good feeling prevails among the members of this and the Thirteenth Masonic District, and I fully appreciate the many courtesies extended by them. It was my pleasure to be present at Newburgh, on March 22nd, on the occasion of the homecoming and official visit of R. W. JAMES D. MCGIFFERT, District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth District and to assist in welcoming him.

On September 14th the Masters in the District, their ladies and a number of the Brethren accompanied me on a visit to the Masonic Home at Utica. R. W. BRO. WILEY gave us his undivided attention and did all in his power to make the visit one long to be remembered. All returned with a glowing account of the Institution and with increased zeal for more earnest work.

The District Convention was held in the rooms of Kingston Lodge, No. 10, on Tuesday, November 29, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, R. W. and REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, who discharged his

duties in an able and conscientious manner. All the sessions were well attended and an earnest desire shown to acquire an accurate knowledge of the ritual.

It is with the profoundest sorrow that I must also record the death of R. W. EMERSON FORD, Past District Deputy Grand Master and a member of Cascade Lodge, No. 427, who died very suddenly at Oak Hill on New Year's Eve. BRO. FORD was a true friend and a bright star in the order. In the District he was honored, respected and loved. Many Lodges were represented at the Masonic funeral services, and I was ably assisted at the grave by R. W. WILLIAM A. WASSON.

Permit me, Most Worshipful Sir, to express to you my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon James M. Austin Lodge and upon myself in my appointment as your representative, and I trust I may have merited the honor and confidence you have reposed in me.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you upon your very successful administration, and to wish for you a happy and prosperous future. Again thanking you, I beg to remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN H. SANFORD,  
*D. D. G. M., Fifteenth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges of the Sixteenth District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

This report shows a membership of two thousand three hundred forty-two, an increase of eighty during the year.

Under all the circumstances, the result is gratifying, especially in view of the wish of the Brethren to receive into their Lodges only the best material.

The annual District Convention was held in Roxbury, Delaware County, on Wednesday, October 5, 1910, under the direction of our efficient Grand Lecturer, R. W. and REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD. The attendance was very satisfactory, and great interest in the work was shown. The Brethren of the District greatly appreciated the good work of the Grand Lecturer, and the convention must have been of material assistance to the work during the year.

I greatly regret that, owing to my severe illness from typhoid fever and numerous complications, it has been impossible for me to have the pleasure of visiting any of the Lodges of the District during my term. While the Constitution requires the name and number of each Lodge not visited, in view of the fact that this includes every Lodge of the



District, I deem it better not to enumerate them. I appreciate the fraternal spirit which prompted you to refuse to accept my resignation, sent you at the commencement of my illness; and think you understand the reasons for my failure to visit the Lodges as required by the Book of Constitutions. I was taken ill in November, and am not yet sufficiently recovered to make the official visits.

I did, however, have the pleasure of welcoming you to the District, and meeting with the greater portion of the Brethren in Sullivan County on the occasion of the dedication of the new Temple of Monticello Lodge, No. 532, on October 10, 1910. On behalf of the District, and particularly of Monticello Lodge, I take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your presence on the occasion referred to. The Monticello Brethren are to be congratulated upon the determination and perseverance which made possible the erection of such a handsome and convenient Temple after the destruction of their former Temple by fire. The new Temple is well suited to the purposes of the Craft and a great credit to our Monticello Brethren.

From the best information which I can obtain, I am satisfied that the affairs of the District are in a satisfactory condition, and that a feeling of harmony and good fellowship prevails. Nothing has come to my knowledge that would indicate anything to the contrary.

I wish to convey to you my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon Cœur de Lion Lodge and myself in my appointment as your representative, and also my continuance in the office during the period of my illness; and can only regret that circumstances have interfered with the complete performance of my duties.

I also extend to you my sincere congratulations upon the successful administration which you have given in your high office during the year that is now coming to a close, and wish you many years of success and happiness.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ARTHUR F. BOUTON,  
*D. D. G. M., Sixteenth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: With sincere gratitude for the honor conferred by the reappointment as your representative in the Seventeenth Masonic District, I respectfully submit my report of the conditions and progress made during the past Masonic year.

The support given by the Masters, Past Masters, Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers of this and adjoining Districts, in accompanying me in large numbers on my visits to the different Lodges, has made my duties lighter, because of the great good which comes to us all by

meeting together often, getting better acquainted and through this fellowship become better fitted to understand and act on the affairs of our Fraternity throughout its entire jurisdiction.

During this year our membership has increased slightly, we now having in the twenty-nine Lodges 9,182 Master Masons, as shown in the report forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

On February 15th the District Convention was held in the City of Albany, under the direction of our Grand Lecturer, the Rev. and R.' W.' BRO. WARREN C. HUBBARD. All of the Lodges were represented by some of their Officers and a large number of Brethren. Two very successful sessions were held to the satisfaction and pleasure of those present and too much credit cannot be given to our Rev. Brother for the careful and efficient manner in which the work was conducted.

During the year Greenbush Lodge No. 337 erected and now occupy their new Temple in Rensselaer. Other Lodges are contemplating similar action.

While the predominating features of the year have been those of prosperity and rejoicing, it has not been free from moments of sadness, particularly so on July 28, 1910, when the Supreme Architect of the Universe in his infinite wisdom took from our midst our dearly beloved and M.' W.' BRO. JAMES TEN EYCK. The funeral obsequies were held in the Masonic Temple at Albany, under the directions of Masters' Lodge No. 5, on Sunday, July 31st, and the large attendance of Brethren from all parts of our Jurisdiction testified to the fact that not only our District but the Craft as a whole mourned his loss and that a leader of men had passed away.

As a token of the love and esteem in which he was held by us, I enclose a check for one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250), which is a voluntary contribution from the twenty-nine Lodges in the District, and ask that you use it to defray the expense of installing the Ten Eyck Memorial window, "Hope," in the Chancel of the new Chapel of our Home at Utica. It is also our desire that the window shall bear the following inscription:

"In loving memory of M.' W.' JAMES TEN EYCK,

Grand Master A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892.

Born A. D. 1840.

Died A. D. 1910.

Thro' all this tract of years,

Wearing the white flower of a blameless life.

By the Brethren of the Seventeenth District—  
Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties."

And now, M.' W.' Sir, let me say it has been a pleasure for me to serve as your representative in the District and trust that my efforts

have met with your approval. I also thank you for the honor you have conferred on Charles W. Mead Lodge in allowing me to act in this capacity.

May your services to the Craft be continued for many years to come is the hearty wish of

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

SAMUEL S. FORSTER,  
*D. D. G. M., Seventeenth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report of the Lodges comprising the Eighteenth Masonic District for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

This District was highly honored by the presence of the Grand Master at the laying of the corner-stone of a Public Library Building at Richfield Springs on Saturday, June 25, 1910. The Grand Master was assisted by R.'. W.'. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master, and Associate Grand Officers. It was my pleasant privilege to act as Grand Secretary on that occasion. There were present, also, several District Deputies and a large number of visiting Brethren, nearly every Lodge in the District being represented.

The District Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in the rooms of Otsego Lodge No. 138 at Cooperstown, Oct. 3rd and 4th, under the direction of R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer. The Convention was not as well attended as it should have been—less than half of the Lodges in the District being represented. Those in attendance, however, manifested a lively interest in the exemplification of the degrees, and showed an intelligent appreciation of the courteous manner in which instruction was given by the Grand Lecturer.

I have visited every Lodge in the District and have been cordially welcomed as your representative. I have endeavored to create a more widespread interest in the affairs of the Home at Utica, and I am pleased to report that a date has been fixed (Sunday, June 4th) for a delegation from the Eighteenth District to visit the Home.

It is very gratifying to be able to report a substantial gain in membership for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910, and what is more important, harmony prevails among the Brethren, and with very few exceptions the condition of the Lodges in the Eighteenth District is all that could be desired.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate you on the success of your administration, and to thank you for the honor conferred upon me and on

Otego Union Lodge No. 282 in appointing me as your representative in this District.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,  
Fraternally yours,

H. GREELEY BROWN,  
*D. D. G. M., Eighteenth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* I beg to report that in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I have forwarded to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary of Masons in the State of New York, my report of the Lodges in the Nineteenth Masonic District, over which you appointed me your Deputy.

Permit me to take this occasion of extending to you my most heartfelt thanks for the honor which you thereby conferred upon me and to express my appreciation of such appointment.

As your representative I have officially visited every Lodge in the Nineteenth District on the occasion of their communications, with the exception of one, viz., No. 300, Garoga Lodge. I visited the Master and examined the books and records. I have heretofore reported to the Grand Secretary the condition of this Lodge. They have not held a communication during the past year, and there are but three members of the Lodge within a distance convenient to attend. They have no Lodge room or furniture as I am advised, but have heretofore made use of a Lodge Room used and furnished by a Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Grand Secretary suggested that Garoga Lodge be moved to some other place, the members thereof retaining their membership. This seems to be agreeable to the officers of Garoga Lodge and I believe would be to the members generally.

With the exception of Garoga Lodge, conditions are very favorable throughout the District. There are twenty Lodges in the Nineteenth District, and they show a total increase in membership of forty-five. Eleven Lodges show a net gain of 71 members; nine Lodges show a net loss of twenty-four members. I regret that my own Lodge shows the greatest loss as compared with last year's report, viz., seven. This is due principally to the fact that in 1909 we initiated a larger number than the average and in 1910 lost more by death than usual. The Lodge showing the largest gain is Artisan Lodge No. 84, of Amsterdam.

I was particularly pleased at the enthusiasm shown among the Masons of North Woods Lodge No. 849—the youngest Lodge in the District—situated as it is in the extreme north of the District with a widely scattered membership. I have never seen more loyal Masons than may be found at North Woods. Of course I do not wish to single out any particular Lodge, but I mention North Woods Lodge

on account of its peculiar location and surroundings. I find the members generally enthusiastic, loyal in their support and regular in their attendance, and a goodly number greeted me at each Lodge.

I wish to mention the occasion of my visit to Herkimer Lodge No. 423, when I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. WILLIAM J. WILEY, Superintendent of the Masonic Home at Utica. Fully three hundred Masons greeted us on this occasion, representing several of the Lodges throughout the District. The remarks made by BRO. WILEY were instructive and must necessarily create an added interest in the Home. I am further pleased to state that among those present was M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, whose interest in the Craft grows with the years. He is indeed typical of what a Mason should be, for by his loyal service he has probably done as much and more than any other Mason in the Nineteenth District to make Masonry what it is to-day.

I believe that every Lodge in the District has contributed towards the Chapel Fund, and that same has been received months ago. A short time since I saw the Chapel now nearly completed. No one among us, on seeing this Chapel, can be other than proud of his membership in the Craft. It has, indeed, been a privilege to have been given the opportunity to contribute even a small mite towards its completion.

On the occasion of each of my visits I read at length your communication of September 26, 1910, relative to the Masonic Home and the children and can report that it made a profound impression and think that all present felt more closely drawn to that Home and realized as he had never realized before what it really means to him and Masonry, and what Masonry is doing for the unfortunate Brethren, their wives, widows and orphans.

On various occasions Past District Deputies were present, not only representing the Nineteenth District, but the surrounding Districts as well. Among others I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. EDWARD M. FETHERS, Past District Deputy of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

On October 7, 1910, the District Convention was held in the Masonic Temple at Johnstown. R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, was present and exemplified the work. The Lodge room of St. Patrick's Lodge No. 4 was filled to overflowing.

I have tried to serve you and the Craft as best I could in performing the duties of my office and I trust that my efforts have not been in vain.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for your kind consideration and for the honor which you conferred on St. Patrick's Lodge No. 4, and may I again thank you for the opportunity of subscribing myself,

Yours most sincerely and fraternally,

ANSON GETMAN,

*D. D. G. M., Nineteenth Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: As required by Subdivision 6, Section 37, of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have the honor to submit this report as to the condition of Masonry in the Twentieth District, and of my official acts as your representative.

I have visited every Lodge in the District once, and some of them more than once. I have no words to express my appreciation to the Brethren for the cordial receptions that have been tendered me. The hearty expressions of loyalty to yourself as Grand Master, and to the Grand Lodge, the spirit of good fellowship which was manifested, told of the harmony that prevails throughout the District.

Soon after my appointment I attended a Past Master's night of the Cambridge Valley Lodge No. 481, at Cambridge, N. Y. At that meeting R.'. W.'. FRANK RICHARDSON gave a very able and interesting history of the Lodge which I believe, if followed by the other Lodges, would be of great benefit to the Fraternity throughout the District.

December 19, 1910, I had the honor, as well as the pleasure, to be present and assist at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Warrensburgh by R.'. W.'. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master.

The District Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in the Masonic Temple at Fort Edward on the afternoon and evening of October 10th. The attendance was not as large as I had wished, but nearly every Lodge was represented. This being purely an agricultural district and during the month of October a large majority of the Brethren being very busy, it is rather a difficult task to convince them that it is their duty to attend the Convention at that season of the year. If it could be so arranged to have the Convention later, I believe it would be better. The work of the degrees was exemplified by R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, and he proved to every one present his ability to correctly perform the work. Although the Grand Lecturer was delayed by trains until late in the afternoon, the work was begun with P.'. M.'. W. H. NELSON, of Sandy Hill Lodge No. 372, to criticize it, and a most profitable time was spent.

At the time of the Annual Convention a Past Masters' Association was organized, electing R.'. W.'. FRANK RICHARDSON President. I believe that this Association will bring the Past Masters of the District in closer touch with each other and that good fellowship and increased interest in Masonry will result.

It has been my principal duty to carry out your wish and to deliver your message relative to the Masonic Home at Utica. That message has been brought to the attention of the Brethren in the District and a number of the Lodges have passed resolutions requiring the new incoming Master, within a reasonable time after installation, to make a personal visit to the Home at Utica, and the necessary travelling expenses be paid by the Lodge.

Numerically, the District shows a gain over the previous year and the different Lodges are in good financial condition.

I have transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report of the Lodges in the District.

Congratulating you upon the success of your administration, permit me to thank you most cordially for the honor conferred upon me, and upon Argyle Lodge No. 567 in selecting me as your representative in this District, and with best wishes for continued prosperity and happiness, I am,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE M. STILLMAN,  
*D. D. G. M., Twentieth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: The statistical report of the thirteen Lodges comprising the Twenty-first Masonic District has been transmitted to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the Grand Secretary, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

As your representative, I have officially visited every Lodge in the District and on each of these visits have been most cordially received and royally entertained. Each Lodge has desired me to express to you its loyalty to the Fraternity, to the Grand Lodge, and to yourself personally.

It is a source of great satisfaction to me to report that harmony prevails in every Lodge and between every Lodge in the District.

A substantial increase in membership is noted throughout the District, and the quality of the candidates admitted seems to be everything which the most exacting could require. There seems to have been no hesitation in rejecting those who might possibly be unworthy and, in justice to the Brethren, would say that in some instances some who have been desirous of petitioning the Lodges, where their petition must of necessity have been rejected, have been dissuaded from doing so.

The District Convention was held during October in the rooms of Rising Sun Lodge No. 103, Saratoga Springs. Rising Sun has freely opened its doors on many occasions of this kind, and the various Lodges in the District sincerely appreciate their kindness. The attendance at the Convention was fair but could be greatly improved. I have endeavored on some of my visits to impress upon the officers of the Lodges the importance of attending these conventions.

Accompanied by a carefully selected and thoroughly efficient Grand Lodge, R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, came to us (Warrensburgh Lodge No. 425) Monday afternoon, Dec. 19, 1910, and in his dignified and impressive manner dedicated our new Lodge Rooms. The dedicatory ceremonial was followed by an interesting and instructive address by the Deputy Grand Master, and Bro.

SMITH and his associate Grand Lodge Officers, coming to us comparative strangers, left us carrying with them the warmest personal regard of every Brother present.

In the District during the past year three new Masonic Clubs have been organized, destined, I believe, to be of great benefit to their respective Lodges and to the individual members. These clubs are located in Warrensburgh, Mechanicsville, and Glens Falls, and all Free Masons, whencesoever they may come, will in these clubs find welcome and brotherly greeting.

While every courtesy has been extended to me on each of my visits, I would briefly call attention to my visit to Schuyler Lodge No. 676, when I had the pleasure of seeing the third degree conferred by six own Brothers on the seventh Brother. All are comparatively young men and it was, I believe, a unique experience even in Masonry. I took the liberty of asking the Master of the Lodge to send to yourself and to R. W. BRO. CHARLES SMITH a photograph of these seven Brothers, having been presented with one myself, which I prize very highly.

Your suggestions concerning the children of the Home have received much favorable comment and I anticipate that with the State-wide publicity these recommendations have had, the demand for children from the Home will exceed the supply.

In behalf of Warrensburgh Lodge No. 425, which I have the pleasure of serving for the fifth time as Master, I desire to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy you have conferred upon the Lodge by appointing from its membership your representative in the Twenty-first District.

The honor of serving you as your Deputy in the District has been a source of sincere pleasure, and I personally consider it the privilege of a lifetime. With best wishes for a continuance of your successful administration as Grand Master, and also best wishes for a happy and prosperous future, I am,

Loyally and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM F. WILKINSON,  
*D. D. G. M., Twenty-first Masonic District.*

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TO MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have transmitted to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, a statistical report showing the condition of the fifteen Lodges comprising the Twenty-second Masonic District for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

I have officially visited every Lodge in the District but one, and some of them several times and have been received in a most cordial and Fraternal manner. Nothing could show better their loyalty and good-will



to you than the way the Lodges in this District have received your representative.

It was a great pleasure to me to install the officers of seven of the fifteen Lodges in my District, and assist in one other as follows, Dec. 27, 1910, Morning Sun Lodge, No. 142, Port Henry; December 28th, Northern Light Lodge, No. 155, West Chazy; Dec. 29th, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 572, Ellenburg; Jan. 3, 1911, Clinton Lodge, No. 155, Plattsburgh; Jan. 4th, Champlain Lodge, No. 237, Champlain; Jan. 5th, Ausable River Lodge, No. 149, Keesville; Jan. 6th, Iroquois Lodge, No. 715, Essex, and Jan. 10th, assisted in installing the officers of Plattsburgh Lodge, No. 828, Plattsburgh.

In every Lodge I was royally received and had a most enjoyable time. All of the Lodges in the 22nd District with one exception are in a flourishing condition. Peace and harmony prevail, and a good healthy increase in membership in the Fraternity for the past year is the result.

The Annual Convention for the 22nd District was held in Plattsburgh on October 12th and 13th, and was very largely attended. It was conceded to be the best Convention ever held in the 22nd District. R. W. BRO. HUBBARD, by his courtesy and the conscientious manner in which he discharged his duties, has gained the love and esteem of every Mason composing the Convention. May he long live to perform the duties of the high office he is so richly fitted for.

The Masters and the Past Masters' Association of the 22nd District held their Annual Meeting in Masonic Hall in Plattsburgh on the evening of March 31st. It was largely attended. The local speakers appointed to take part in the programme responded in a most cheerful manner with speeches right to the point, which cannot fail to bring good results to the Craft.

And now before closing my report, Most Worshipful Master, permit me to express to you the thanks of Mount Harmon Lodge for your selection of one of its members as your personal representative for this District. Permit me also to express my thanks and appreciation of the confidence which you reposed in me personally in selecting me as that representative. The year that has just passed has certainly been one of the most interesting of my life, and I am sure that I lay down the duties of my office with a greater appreciation than ever of the greatness and usefulness of our Fraternity, not only to our Brethren and the world, but to ourselves in its constant inspiration to higher and nobler manhood.

And now as the time draws near that I shall turn over the jewel of D. D. G. M., to my successor in this honorable position, I want to thank most kindly all officials and members of every Lodge in the 22nd District for their loyalty and kindness to me during the past two years, in their efforts at all times and in all ways to help me to discharge the duties of my office for the best interests of the Fraternity, and I hope our united efforts have not been in vain.

I thank you, my dear Grand Master, for the unvarying courtesy and consideration with which you have treated me during my term, and I

congratulate you upon the very able manner in which you have conducted the affairs of your great office. May you long be spared to extend your usefulness to the Craft.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES M. ATWOOD,  
D. D. G. M., *Twenty-second Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: I have to-day forwarded to the Grand Secretary the statistical report of the various Lodges of the Twenty-third Masonic District, as provided by the Constitution and herewith submit to you the following report as your District Deputy.

It is with pleasure that I am able to inform you that perfect harmony and a feeling of good fellowship prevails throughout the entire District, a condition commensurate with the teachings of the Fraternity, and on the occasion of my official visits I have been treated with the greatest cordiality and hospitality and have found nearly all of the Lodges in splendid condition, both financially and in the efficiency of their work.

The Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in the rooms of St. Lawrence Lodge at Canton, on October 19, 1910, R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD presiding, and was conceded by all to have been one of the most successful Conventions ever held in the District. The attendance was large and the interest inspiring, which fact I attribute to the charming personality of DR. HUBBARD and the very earnest interest taken by Asst. Grand Lecturer, C. F. WORTHING, and the others who assisted in the work.

It was my pleasure to make my official visit to Gouverneur Lodge No. 217 on the occasion of their presenting to R. W. WILLIAM S. FARMER, Junior Grand Warden, a certificate of honorary membership in that Lodge, his visit to the District being the most prominent event of the year and an occasion long to be remembered by all present.

Some questions of jurisdiction have been referred to me during the year, but I have been fortunate enough to adjust them amicably without being compelled to trouble you in the matter.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you most sincerely for the high and distinguished honor you conferred upon me and upon St. Lawrence Lodge by my appointment, and in return I have endeavored to represent you as faithfully and efficiently as my abilities permitted.

Congratulating you upon the success of your administration, wishing you success for the future and expressing my deep gratitude for the many courtesies you have extended to me during the year, I beg to remain, Most Worshipful Sir,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

WELBY W. HAILE,  
D. D. G. M., *Twenty-third Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary, M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the statistical report of the Lodges composing the Twenty-fourth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

As your representative I have had the honor and very great pleasure of visiting nearly all of the Lodges in the District, and the cordial reception accorded me in every instance by the officers and members of the several Lodges was indeed very gratifying to myself, testifying in the strongest manner possible to the loyalty of the Brethren to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Master. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

The Lodges throughout the District in every instance show a steady growth of members who will be an honor to this great Fraternity of ours.

The Annual District Convention was held at the Masonic Temple in the village of Clayton, and I am very sorry to report that it was not very well attended. The Standard Work was exemplified by R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, in such a manner that all who did attend received an inspiration to put forth their best efforts in the performance of their duties as officers in their respective Lodges, and I trust that the next Convention will be well attended.

In conclusion, permit me to assure you of my appreciation of the honor conferred, not only upon myself, but upon Watertown Lodge No. 49 by my appointment as District Deputy.

Congratulating you upon the successful administration of your office for the year past, and wishing you even greater success for the year that is before you and many years of happiness and usefulness to the Craft, I beg to remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

J. STERLING SILL,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-fourth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: The annual report of the condition of the Lodges in the 25th District has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. It shows a healthy growth in membership in most of the Lodges, and my observation of the candidates received leads me to believe they have been carefully selected.

As your representative I have visited all of the Lodges in the District and in each have been most cordially welcomed and received.

Everywhere I observed a feeling of loyalty to the Grand Master and a desire to conform fully to the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity.

In every Lodge visited degrees were conferred and the manner of conferring indicated a desire to render as near as possible the Standard Work.

Interest in the Standard Work was greatly stimulated by the successful and well-attended Convention held by R. W. BRO. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, with Pulaski Lodge No. 415. BRO. HUBBARD received close attention throughout and by his courteous and kindly ways made himself deservedly popular. The Convention closed with the feeling prevailing that everyone present had considerably increased his proficiency in the work and added to his store of Masonic knowledge.

As the matter of the Chapel Fund had not been presented in the 25th District it became my duty to do so, with the result, I am happy to report, that thirteen out of the fourteen Lodges have formally approved the proposition and it is expected that the remaining Lodge will do so at once. This is a very gratifying evidence of the interest of the Masons of this District in the Home and I believe that no demand of the Home will ever be beyond what the Masons of this District are willing to do for it.

The action of Amboy Lodge No. 650 in joining in the contribution to the Chapel Fund is especially commendable in view of the fact that this Lodge lost all of its property by fire a year ago and as a result its treasury is nearly depleted.

Oswego Lodge No. 127 has during the year acquired the valuable property of which for many years it has been a tenant, and Mexico Lodge No. 136 has decided to erect a temple and plans are being drawn therefor. In general, peace and prosperity prevail throughout the District.

In conclusion, permit me to say that it has been an honor, of which I am deeply sensible, to serve as your representative in the 25th Masonic District, and I hope that my official acts have resulted in the good intended and in the advancement of the cause of Masonry.

With the wish that success may continue to attend your administration, I am,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

EZRA A. BARNES,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-fifth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: I have the honor to report that to the best of my ability I have carried out every suggestion made to me

by the Grand Lodge or its officers, and every requirement of the Grand Constitution, so far as the same applies to this office, will have been fulfilled before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. But three Lodges remain to be visited officially and appointments for such visits have been made.

The District is in a healthy state financially and numerically, concord prevails and the work is going forward true to the plans on the trestle board of the Grand Lodge. The District shows a net gain in membership of 125, Oriental Lodge of Utica leading with an increase of 34. Three Lodges that were in arrears have paid their per capita to the Chapel Fund, making the contribution from this District complete.

During the year Baron Steuben Lodge was obliged to remove from Delta, owing to the abandonment of that village in the interests of a barge canal storage reservoir. The Lodge was fortunate in being able to purchase a church building in Lee Center which was formerly occupied by the Union Ecclesiastical Society. This edifice, which is surrounded by an acre and a quarter of well-shaded lawn, has been somewhat remodeled and thoroughly renovated, making it admirably suited for the purpose for which it was chosen. The first Communication in this new Temple was held on the occasion of the official visit of your representative, December 4th, and at that time a very substantial sum was raised toward reducing the debt assumed. It is hoped to dedicate this temple to Masonry in June next, about the time of the annual visit of the Grand Lodge to the Home.

The thrift of some of the smaller Lodges in this District is well illustrated in the instance of Uriel of Forestport, which has appointed April 17th, the date of the official visit of your representative, as the occasion for burning the bonds of indebtedness which were issued against the Temple. This Lodge, numbered 809, is the third youngest in the District, and is situated in the foothills of the Adirondacks. It has a membership of 59 Master Masons, nearly all of whom work with axe, hammer or other metal tool. While cheerfully meeting every request from the Grand Lodge for financial support this lusty youngster built a home and blazed a way to freedom from debt with a steadiness of purpose that commends it to the serious consideration of more pretentious Lodges in the larger centers of population.

It is very agreeable to be able to report an increased interest in the District in the work of the Home, over which R. W. Bro. WILEY so well and ably presides. Your representative has laid before the Lodges visited the desirability of the District placing a memorial window in the new Chapel, the expense of the same to be borne by contributions from the various Lodges, based on per capita of membership. This plan seemed to meet with general favor and many of the Lodges have voted to contribute on this basis. Western Star Lodge, No. 15, has not only so voted, but it has actually made the contribution and the same is on deposit as a nucleus for such fund. There seems to be no doubt that the District will be a unit on this proposition and as soon as a few more details are arranged, when the Masters come together at Grand Lodge, it is expected that formal application for a reservation will be made to the proper authorities.

Your representative, as forcibly as he was able, has addressed the Lodges on the importance of finding suitable environment for the Fraternity's wards when the time comes for them to leave the shelter of the Home, and a fruitful response is hoped for.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon Oriental Lodge in choosing one of its sons to be your immediate representative in this District, and with best wishes for continued success in your administration, I remain,

Faithfully and obediently yours,

J. SOLEY COLE,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-sixth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have made to the Grand Secretary, M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the annual statistical report of the Lodges comprising the Twenty-seventh Masonic District, for the year ending December 31, 1910.

I have the honor of submitting to you, the following report of the general condition of our District.

There are twenty-seven Lodges in the District, twenty-five of which I have visited officially at this date and I expect to make an official visit to the two remaining Lodges on the 19th and 20th of this month. I have been received everywhere, as your representative, with great cordiality and am pleased to report that harmony and prosperity prevail generally throughout the District. The expressions of loyalty and good fellowship toward the Grand Lodge and yourself as Grand Master have been numerous and hearty.

In accordance with your suggestion, I have laid before each Lodge at the time of my visit, your recommendation that it be made obligatory through their by-laws or by a suitable resolution, that the Master visit the Masonic Home at least once during the year, at the expense of the Lodge. This recommendation has met with hearty response and I believe will be generally adopted. Several of the Lodges have made pilgrimages to the Home in a body and others anticipate doing so and I believe this tendency will aid in the upbuilding of the Fraternity in this District.

The total membership is 6,030, being an increase of 197 members over last year. There are twenty-seven Lodges in the District, of which nineteen have made increases, four have remained stationary and the others show an aggregate loss in membership of nineteen.

All of the Lodges in this District have now contributed to the Chapel Fund, with the exception of one and I have every reason to believe that they will do so before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The slight dispute as to jurisdiction that arose between two of the Lodges during the early part of the year, has been settled and the decision accepted with becoming loyalty on the part of both Lodges.

On two occasions the District has been highly honored by the presence of the Grand Lodge officers, the first occasion being the Fiftieth Anniversary of Syracuse Lodge No. 501, at which time there was assembled the largest number of Masons ever gathered together in the District. The generosity and enterprise displayed by this Lodge on that occasion in having present the children of the Home, is to be commended, and in my opinion, has been a great benefit to the Fraternity and the Home. The second occasion was your visit to Central City Lodge No. 305, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, CHARLES SMITH, and other Grand Lodge Officers. This was one of the largest receptions ever held in the District and is but another evidence of Masonic enthusiasm existing in the Syracuse Lodges.

The Annual Convention for this District was held in Syracuse on October 26 and 27, 1910, nearly every Lodge being represented. R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD was enthusiastically received and the work of the three degrees was splendidly exemplified.

I desire again to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon Canastota Lodge No. 231 and myself in appointing me as your representative and to express the hope that my work among the Brethren will meet with your approval.

Congratulating you upon the successful administration of your office and wishing you many years of happiness and usefulness to the Craft, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ALBERT A. KEESLER,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-seventh Masonic District.*

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To Mr. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: The statistical report required by the Constitution has been forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary.

As your representative I have visited, officially, each Lodge in the District.

The Annual Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in Binghamton, November 21, 1910. Rev. and R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD exemplified the work in an able and tactful manner.

December 28, 1910, I installed the officers of Binghamton Lodge, No. 177.

January 10, 1911, I had, with R.'. W.'. HARRY C. WALKER, Past D. D. G. M., the pleasure of assisting R.'. W.'. WILLIAM S. FARMER, Junior Grand Warden, to install the officers of Whitney's Point Lodge, No. 795, publicly.

January 13, 1911, assisted by R.'. W.'. HARRY C. WALKER, I installed the officers of Sherburne Lodge, No. 444.

Personally and on behalf of Binghamton Lodge, No. 177, I thank you for the honor conferred by my reappointment.

Congratulating you on your successful administration and wishing you continued success, I am,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM A. JOHNSON,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-eighth Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* As your official representative in the Twenty-ninth District I have the honor to submit the following report:

The statistical report sent M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, shows a net gain in membership in the District of 60, and so far as I am able to judge, due care has been exercised by all the Lodges in the District in the admission of members.

As your representative I have visited every Lodge in the District but one. That one—Big Flats Lodge No. 378—I planned to visit and found that the Lodge had revised its by-laws and changed its nights of meeting and that the evening that I had selected was not a meeting night. I arranged to go later, and in going to Big Flats by automobile met with an accident which delayed me so that when I reached Big Flats found the Lodge had been closed. I shall make another effort to visit this Lodge.

I have been very cordially received in every Lodge visited, and I have enjoyed the support and cooperation of every Master, without exception, in the District. I regret that I cannot truthfully report that harmony prevails throughout this District, although no serious trouble has arisen in any of the Lodges. In a few of them conditions are not what they should be, and I have endeavored to correct these as far as possible. I was appealed to by a Brother who had been illegally unaffiliated by his Lodge, and after due investigation, I ordered the Lodge to restore him to membership which I understand was done.

I had the honor and privilege of installing the officers of old Oak Lodge No. 253 at Millport on the evening of January third, and of performing a like office in Friendship Lodge No. 153 at Owego, on the evening of January fourth.



The District Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in the rooms of Ivy Lodge No. 397, Elmira, on November 17th and 18th, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, R'. W'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, and was the best attended Convention held in this District in many years.

The Grand Lecturer remained here over Sunday and on invitation occupied the pulpit of Trinity Church, Elmira, in the evening preaching a special sermon to Masons. The Church was filled and the two Lodges, Union No. 95 and Ivy No. 397, escorted by St. Omer's Commandery Knights' Templar, marched to the Church and attended the service.

On the evening of November 6th I made my official visit to my own Lodge, Ivy No. 397, and was most cordially received, nearly three hundred Brethren being present. We were honored on this occasion by the presence of R'. W'. WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, of Binghamton, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-eighth District; R'. W'. MILTON W. DAVISON, of Canisteo, Trustee of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and R'. W'. HARRY C. WALKER, of Binghamton, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-eighth District, each of whom made a short address to the Lodge, after which the Second Degree was conferred by the Past Masters of Ivy Lodge, followed by a buffet lunch.

I beg to express to you my appreciation and thanks for the honor conferred upon me and upon my Lodge—Ivy No. 397—by my appointment as your representative in the Twenty-ninth District, and to congratulate you upon your successful administration of the office of Grand Master.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM M. UFFORD,  
*D. D. G. M. Twenty-ninth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and R'. W'. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I am herewith submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirtieth Masonic District.

I hope to forward to M'. W'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report on or before the 15th inst., although some of the Lodges are slow in sending me their reports.

I have had the extreme pleasure, as your representative, of visiting officially each of the twenty-one Lodges, besides a number of unofficial visits, and in every instance, the reception accorded me by the officers and members were assurances of their sincere loyalty to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

At your request I have to the best of my ability called the attention of the Brethren to the Masonic Home, and I am pleased to report that some of the Lodges have already adopted the plan of sending the Master on an official visit to the Home, and one or two Lodges are trying to arrange to go in a body. I believe more interest will be taken in the Home and its affairs in the future than there has been in the past.

The Annual District Convention was held at Ithaca, N. Y., on November twenty-second. The Standard Work was exemplified under the direction of R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, assisted by W. LEBY DICKSON, of King Hiram Lodge No. 784. The meeting was very instructive and successful and was very largely attended, nearly all the Lodges in the District being represented. At the close of the Convention a resolution was adopted, commending R. W. BRO. HUBBARD for the efficient manner in which he imparted the Standard Work.

I have had the pleasure of installing the officers in Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, Warren Lodge, No. 147, Groton Lodge, No. 496, Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, and King Hiram Lodge, No. 784.

On March sixteenth I visited the Masonic Home and was most cordially received by R. W. BRO. WILEY.

I regret that I have been unable to attend any of the functions presented over by you, owing to pressure of business.

On June twenty-first the Brethren of my home Lodge gave me a reception and presented me with a very beautiful District Deputy Grand Master's apron.

In closing this report, I desire to thank you most sincerely for the honor you have conferred upon me and upon Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, in making me your personal representative in the Thirtieth District. I have earnestly endeavored to perform my duties and shall look back with many happy memories on the pleasant associations and acquaintances I have made among the Brethren.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK B. DAVIS,

*D. D. G. M., Thirtieth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have completed the statistical report of the several Lodges in the Thirty-first Masonic District and forwarded it to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLENS, Grand Secretary; and I hereby respectfully submit to you an account of my official acts

as District Deputy, together with a report of the general condition of the Craft in this District.

The annual returns from the Lodges reveal a gratifying measure of growth. While the increase in numbers is not so great as to excite suspicion that the standard requirements for membership in the Fraternity have been sacrificed to the end of enlarging the roll, nevertheless it is sufficient to show that Masonry, as exemplified in the characters of those professing the art, is commending itself to this vicinity and commands an active interest. One noteworthy feature of the increase of the past year is that the principal gains have been, almost without exception, in the smaller and weaker Lodges, thus adding strength where it was most needed.

It has been my privilege to visit all the sixteen Lodges of the District, with the exception of one which I have arranged to visit within a few days. It has been a pleasure to receive the cordial greetings and hospitality of the Masters, Wardens and Brethren universally accorded me as your representative. The matters relative to the Masonic Home at Utica, which you recommended should be brought to the attention of the Brethren, were well received throughout the District. I found that some of the Lodges had already been providing for an annual visit to the Home, either by the Master or the Brethren, and one Lodge, Rushville, No. 377, took definite action in compliance with your recommendation with a view to an annual visit by each incoming Master. The interests of the children were given sympathetic attention. The entire District is loyal to this important undertaking of the Craft and to every effort made to promote its success.

It was gratifying to find the Lodges all in good financial condition, their affairs wisely administered, and harmony and good fellowship prevailing. No complaints of any kind have been made to me. A commendable zeal for efficiency in the Standard Work has been universally apparent. It has afforded me especial satisfaction to notice the sincere response to the higher moral teachings of the Order. All in all the condition of Masonry is generally prosperous and satisfactory within this subordinate jurisdiction.

The Annual Convention of the District was held on November 1st, in the rooms of Farmerville Lodge, No. 183, at Interlaken. It was well attended, although several of the Lodges of the District were not represented. R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, pleased all by his able and courteous manner of instruction in the Standard Work. We heard many complimentary expressions as to his clear and inspiring explanations. He was ably assisted by BRO. CLINTON M. BROWN, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my high appreciation of the pleasure my work has been made to give me by reason of the unfailing kindness and consideration of the Masters, Secretaries, and Brethren of the several Lodges, as well as of the Past District Deputies, and other Past Grand Officers. In behalf of Farmerville Lodge, No. 183, and personally, I thank you for my appointment as your representa-

tive in the Thirty-first District. The honor is sincerely valued by us all, and it has been a real privilege for me to carry your greetings to the Lodges and to extend my Masonic acquaintance among the Brethren.

Wishing you all happiness and prosperity, I am,  
Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ELIAS B. VAN ARSDALE,  
*D. D. G. M., Thirty-first Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:* Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, I have forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Lodges, comprising the Thirty-second District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit officially all the Lodges in the District with the exception of one Lodge, Newark No. 83, which visit is arranged to be held April 17th.

As your representative I have been received with uniform courtesy and cordiality, thus displaying the loyalty of the Thirty-second District to you, the Grand Master, to the Grand Lodge, and to the principles of Masonry.

Harmony prevails throughout the District, and I am pleased to observe the Fraternal visiting between Lodges. This should be more general and I have encouraged it as far as possible, for it tends to keep up the interest of Masonry in all the Lodges which thus fraternize.

The Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work under the direction of R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, was held in Wolcott Lodge rooms on the 2d of November, and the Brethren were delighted with the work of BRO. HUBBARD.

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me and upon Wolcott Lodge No. 560 by my appointment, I congratulate you on the success of your administration as Grand Master, and wishing you continued health and prosperity, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. ROE,  
*D. D. G. M., Thirty-second Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:* I am sending my report as District Deputy of the Thirty-third Masonic District to our Grand Secretary.

Allow me to thank you in behalf of Mt. Morris Lodge and also myself, for the privilege of serving you during the past year. It has been a year of hard work, yet withal there have been so many bright spots that all the labor is forgotten.

I have visited all the Lodges of the District but four. Two of these I shall endeavor to visit before Grand Lodge. In the case of the other two, one I have made appointments with four different times, but each time they have asked me to postpone my visit. The second requires a fifteen-mile drive and the roads are now impassable. I made arrangements to visit this Lodge in October and also in February, but in the first instance the Master died two days before my date and in February a snow storm came upon us blocking the roads.

In all my visits I have been very kindly and courteously received. This is a hard District to cover but the cordiality of the Brethren and the lessons one learns from the stamp of men in our Fraternity, goes far toward making the work very pleasant. I would have made all my visitations had I not been handicapped with illness in my family, two of the best months of the year were split up by this illness.

At every visitation I have held up the Masonic Home and the injunction prescribed by the Constitution regarding the care to be exercised in receiving members into our Craft. Practically every Lodge in this District has ordered its Master to visit the Home and nearly all delinquents have sent their contribution to the Chapel Fund.

Early in the fall I had the privilege of assisting you in the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Livonia. Since that date our Livonia brethren have had a fire, but they were fortunate in not sustaining very severe loss.

Throughout the District harmony prevails except in two cases. In each of these the underlying cause is the inability of man to see he is getting old and the failure to realize that young blood should be trained and encouraged rather than be held down and back. But time, the great healer, will soon correct all the trouble and once again will our District be in perfect peace.

On November 2nd, R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD held our District Convention in the Masonic Temple of Rochester. The Rochester Brethren very kindly gave a dinner to the out-of-town Brethren. We had a fine Convention and a surprisingly large attendance, but it is to be regretted that the City Lodges do not look upon this training school as do the country Lodges. It is particularly noticeable that the city Brethren do not look upon the District Convention.

During the year the District has had a healthy growth of 190. In conclusion, I would congratulate you upon the successful administration of your office, and wishing you years of happiness and usefulness to the Craft, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. POVALL,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-second Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In pursuance of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, Grand Secretary, a statistical report of the condition of the Lodges in and comprising the Thirty-fourth Masonic District for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

In addition thereto, I beg to state most fraternally that a very well attended and highly satisfactory Convention was held at Hornell on Sept. 16, 1910, which was placed under the direction of R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, who not only exemplified the Standard Work in a clear and impressive manner, but proved himself a master teacher as well.

I have also had the honor and great pleasure of visiting the several Lodges in the District as far as practicable in the capacity of your duly deputised representative, and as such, have everywhere received the most hearty welcome and fraternal greeting, the mention of your name and great services to the Craft acting as a genuine inspiration and signal for loyal enthusiasm to the Brethren.

Owing to illness of self and failure of some of the Lodges to have work, I have not been able to see them all in actual "harness," but am credibly informed that loyalty to the Craft and yourself, harmony and good fellowship among the Brethren, and a fairly good regular attendance at the stated Conventions everywhere prevail. The opportunity afforded me at your hands of being present with so many of the Brethren for and in support of the great indestructible Masonic principles, as we regard them, of equal human rights, personal liberty, justice and truth for all alike, has proven a source of deep gratification, and I desire further to express to you my most thankful appreciation.

Wishing you unqualified success in your great work, I beg to remain,  
Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM A. RODGERS,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-fourth Masonic District.*

To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In accordance with the constitutional requirements of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary the annual statistical report, showing the required information regarding the Lodges in this District.

I am pleased to report that all the Lodges in this District have been visited by me as your representative. I have in each Lodge spoken of the Home at Utica and in several shown the views which the Grand Lodge kindly loaned to me for that purpose. Very little was known

of the Home by the Brethren previous to my visits. The subject seemed very interesting to all and it has awakened an interest in its welfare throughout the District.

My visit at the Home last June with yourself and other Grand Lodge Officers was an event which I shall always remember with pleasant memories.

The District Convention was held in Belmont last November and was attended by nearly two hundred Brethren. Every Lodge but two in the District was represented by two or more members. It was under the direction of R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer. The work was corrected in a very pleasing and agreeable manner. I hear many words of praise for our Grand Lecturer throughout the District.

The Lodges have in every case shown much respect for the office it has been my pleasure to hold. All the Lodges are in good, healthy, financial condition; peace and harmony prevail.

I was informed that several of our Lodges failed to contribute to the Chapel Fund last year. I have brought the matter to their attention and six of the seven have cheerfully contributed.

One of the most pleasing events in our District during the past year was the laying of the corner-stone of the Village Hall at Belmont by the Fraternity on June 4th. This was probably the largest gathering of Masons ever held in the District. R.'. W.'. BRO. DAVISON acted as Grand Master; R.'. W.'. WILLIAM M. UFFORD as Grand Marshal; R.'. W.'. BENJ. F. BRUNDAGE as Deputy Grand Master. The other offices were filled by members from six of the Lodges in this District.

I want to express to you my warmest thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by appointing me your representative in this District and to tell you how highly I appreciate it.

I most sincerely congratulate you upon your successful term of office as our M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

HARLEN C. VANDERHOEF,  
*D. D. G. M. Thirty-fifth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brothers: It is with pleasure that I report to you that the Masonic Lodges of the Thirty-sixth District are in a healthy, harmonious and prosperous condition.

The tabular report giving the number of members of each Lodge, etc., I have forwarded to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary. The report gives evidence of the prosperity of the Lodges in the District. Although the net gain in membership in the District

has been small, I believe the Brethren have exercised a wise discretion in the admission of new members and that no unworthy foot has been permitted to cross the threshold of any of the Lodges.

The Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held with Arcade Lodge No. 419, Arcade, N. Y., in their spacious and beautiful new Temple (which you assisted to dedicate some four years ago). R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, presided over the work in a most dignified, capable and courteous manner and the Brethren of the District were greatly pleased with his work. The Convention was a most profitable and instructive one. Officers and members from nearly every Lodge in the District attended the Convention and they each and all signified their pleasure with the instruction and the entertainment.

During the Convention a start was made towards forming a Masters' and Past Masters' Association in the 36th District. Those present were enthusiastic in the matter, but owing to unavoidable delays the permanent organization has not been completed as yet, but it will doubtless be consummated during the coming year.

As your representative I have officially visited all the Lodges of the District except two, and I have been in communication with the Master of each of those Lodges and their report shows them to be in good condition. It gives me great pleasure to report to you the cordial reception which has been accorded me as your representative, and personally by every Lodge, and I can assure you of the loyalty of the Brethren of the 36th District.

Harmony and good fellowship prevail among the members of the various Lodges and I believe they are working together for the good of each other and for the respective communities in which the Lodges are located. There has been but one case of confusion among the Craft and I have been informed that that has been peacefully settled.

I have installed the officers of four of the Lodges in the District. Two of the installation ceremonies were "open" meetings, and in each case the ceremonies were made much more interesting by the addition of instrumental and vocal music, readings, etc. These open installations were held at Castile and Batavia, and right royally did the Brethren of those Lodges entertain their guests. At Batavia R. W. JOHN W. SPARROW assisted me in the work of installing the officers.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the great honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in the 36th District, and on behalf of Arcade Lodge No. 419 I desire to express the great appreciation of the Lodge for the honor which has come to it. Allow me to congratulate you on the great success which has attended your administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the past year. May you live long to enjoy the honor, happiness and prosperity which you so richly merit.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WALTER F. ARTHURS,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-sixth Masonic District.*



To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, I have forwarded to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the Grand Secretary, the report of the Lodges in the 37th Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

During my term of office I have officially visited each of the Lodges in the District and have everywhere been most loyally received as your representative.

I am pleased to report that the utmost harmony and good fellowship have prevailed during the entire year throughout the District with one single exception.

Our District Convention, held at Masonic Hall in the City of Lockport on November 7, 1910, was well attended and most enjoyable, and the Brethren took the utmost interest in the able presentation of the work by R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, the Grand Lecturer.

Everywhere throughout the District, I have presented to the Brethren the needs of the children at the Home, and I have been surprised at the lack of knowledge on the subject and the deep interest manifested in it by the Brethren. I believe some means should be devised to acquaint the Brethren more fully with the actual conditions at the Home, and I am convinced that reliable information along that line will be received with a marked degree of interest by the Craft.

Permit me to thank you for the honor you have done me in appointing me your representative. It has been a pleasure, indeed, to serve under your able direction, and I trust that my work in this connection may have merited your approval.

Faithfully yours,

MONTFORD C. HOLLEY,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-seventh Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother:* As the District Deputy Grand Master of the 38th District, I have the distinguished honor to submit to you the following report:

On June 3, 1910, it was my great privilege and pleasure to be officially notified by you of my appointment as District Deputy. It is unnecessary for me to state how much this honor has been appreciated.

June 9th I attended the 50th Anniversary of De Molay Lodge on which occasion the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and many other distinguished Brethren were present.

June 23rd my mother Lodge, Washington No. 240, presented me a Grand Lodge apron.

June 26th, in company with the Senior Grand Warden and other Grand Lodge Officers of the District, I visited the Home at Utica.

June 30th the Past Masters of Tonawanda Lodge No. 247, conferred the 3d Degree, R.'. W.'. JOHN G. WALLENMEIER acting as Master. On this occasion it was my pleasure to be present.

The dispensation to establish Lackawanna Lodge, Lackawanna, being duly received and, as directed, I, on the evening of July 27, 1910, assembled the Brethren in the hall they had secured for that purpose, and organized them into a Lodge U. D.

Perhaps the event which attracted the most general interest in Masonic Circles during my term was the Dinner of the Active Line and Grand Lodge Officers of the 38th Masonic District, held on the evening of October 29th. Every one of the twenty-seven Lodges was represented and all of the resident Grand Lodge Officers in the District with two exceptions were present, comprising a party of 300. The Dinner was served at The Ellicott Club, and after the repast the following addresses were given as the Toast List, at which it was my honor to preside:

"Democracy and Masonry," R.'. W.'. CARL D. CASE,  
Grand Chaplain.

"Masonry Inside the City Limits," JUDGE HARRY L.  
TAYLOR, Master of The Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks  
No. 441.

"Ethics of Masonry," R.'. W.'. THOMAS PENNEY,  
Senior Grand Warden.

It was a gathering never previously accomplished within the history of Masonry in this District and the Fraternal spirit manifested at that time has exerted a splendid influence upon the Craft, which it has been a pleasure to observe during the subsequent months thereto. There is a general sentiment in favor of repeating the event annually.

Another event of marked Fraternal significance to our District was the visit of Alpha Lodge of Toronto to Parish Lodge on the evening of Friday, November 11, 1910. It was reciprocal of a visit made by Parish Lodge to Toronto earlier in the year. 175 of our Canadian Brethren were present, including many ranking high in the counsels of the Craft in our Sister Jurisdiction. The warm Fraternal feeling that was manifested toward our Brethren from across the border was a happy augury of the obliteration of geographical lines and a union of interests upon the common basis of kinship, developed and fostered by Masonic association. The entwining of Old Glory with the British Jack was but a symbol of a higher and broader humanity when "The Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God" will be more universally understood and expressed.

On this occasion it was my privilege to respond to the toast, "The Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York," and it became

my privilege as well as a great pleasure to present a word-portrait of the most exalted honor that can be conferred to any man and which is so ably typified by yourself in this high official station.

January 5, 1911, publicly installed the officers of Tonawanda Lodge No. 247.

January 11, 1911, installed the officers of Washington No. 240.

January 14, 1911, publicly installed the officers of Fraternal Lodge No. 625, Hamburg, N. Y.

February 9th and 10th, the District Convention for the exemplification of the Third Degrees was held.

In conclusion, I beg to state that I have officially visited every Lodge in the District—twenty-six chartered and one under dispensation, and have forwarded to the Grand Secretary the Statistical Report of this District, which shows a membership of 7,839.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES F. ADAMS,  
*D. D. G. M., Thirty-eighth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:* In accordance with time-honored custom and Constitutional requirement, I have the honor to transmit to you the following report of affairs in the Thirty-ninth Masonic District for the past year. A statistical report is also herewith forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary.

As your representative I have visited each of the Lodges of the District and have been on all such occasions most cordially received by officers and Brethren, which in a large measure testifies their loyalty to you and the Grand Lodge.

On October I had the pleasure of again inspecting the Home at Utica. It is an inspiration to note the efficient work that is there done in behalf of those worthy objects of our charity. Through the courtesy of the Grand Lodge I have exhibited the lantern slides of that Institution. I have tried to carry to the Brethren of this District, remote from that Home, information respecting the great work done there, to show them something of the most unselfish labor of the Present and Past Grand Masters and their worthy subordinates and to create a feeling of sympathy toward this magnificent piece of human endeavor. The small remainder of the Chapel Fund has been forwarded, together with the one hundred dollars (\$100) donated by the Masters of the Lodges of this District at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

The Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work by R. W. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, was held in Olean on

Nov. 14, 1910. Olean Lodge, No. 252, gave the visiting Brethren a very cordial welcome and entertained them at six o'clock dinner. The Convention was well attended. The work of R. W. BRO. HUBBARD was of that courteous, dignified and efficient character which has served to endear him to the hearts of his Brethren.

I have had the honor of installing the officers of Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239; of Phoenix Lodge, No. 262; of Ellicottville Lodge, No. 307; of Henry Renner Lodge, No. 780; and of Arion Lodge, No. 812.

Berean Lodge, No. 811, situated at Cattaraugus, has had the misfortune to have its beautiful Lodge rooms destroyed by fire recently. Their Charter and Records were saved, however, and their financial loss was very nearly covered by insurance. Plans are already made for the building of new rooms.

My last official visit was to my own Lodge and was a most enjoyable event. We were honored by the presence of R. W. WILLIAM H. HAZARD, P. D. D. G. M. and R. W. HARRY C. HOLCOMB, P. D. D. G. M., together with Masters and representatives from nearly every Lodge in the District and from other nearby Lodges.

It is impossible to mention the names of the many Brethren to whom I am indebted. Courtesies without number have been extended to me and I must forever remain their debtor. I thank you most sincerely in my own name and in behalf of Phoenix Lodge for my reappointment and the honor of serving under you as Grand Master.

Assuring you of the loyalty and esteem of your Brethren of the Thirty-ninth District and of their appreciation of that which you have accomplished for the good of the Craft, I am,

Most sincerely and fraternally,

IRA W. LIVERMORE,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-ninth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother: In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have forwarded to M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report of the Lodges composing the Fortieth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910.

The annual report shows that, during the year 1910 there has been a net increase in membership in this District of sixty-five. One Lodge reports the same number as last year and one shows a loss of two, but the other ten Lodges show a satisfactory gain in membership, and the new members are practically all young men, and are all representative citizens in their respective localities.

As your representative I have had the privilege of visiting officially each of the twelve Lodges in this District, and have visited a number of them several times during the year. On every official visit which it has been my duty as well as pleasure to make I have been most cordially received and welcomed by the Master and Brethren, and the harmony and good fellowship prevailing throughout the entire District has been very gratifying to me.

In my visits during the year I have had the privilege of witnessing the conferring of degrees in every Lodge except one, and I can assure you that all the Lodges in this District are following the Standard Work very closely as exemplified by our R.'. W.'. Grand Lecturer.

The Annual Convention for the exemplification of the Standard Work was held in Masonic Hall, Dunkirk, on November 10th and 11th under the direction of R.'. W.'. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, and was well attended, representatives being present from every Lodge but one in the District.

I have had the pleasure of installing the officers of three Lodges during the year—Sylvan Lodge No. 303 on January 2nd, Forest Lodge No. 166 on January 3rd, and Lake Shore Lodge No. 851 on January 4th.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I desire to thank you most cordially for the honor conferred on Lake Shore Lodge No. 851, and especially upon myself in appointing me your representative in this District.

Congratulating you most sincerely upon your successful administration, and wishing you many years of happiness and usefulness to the Craft, I am,

Fraternally yours,

HUGH M. FLEMING,

D. D. G. M., *Fortieth Masonic District.*

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To MR. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,

*Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

Dear Sir and M.'. W.'. Brother: In compliance with Constitutional requirements, I have forwarded to M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the annual report of the Forty-first Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1910, showing a membership of 999 at that time.

Since my appointment in December I have visited all the Lodges in this District and found them all in good working order, and the work done by the Masters and Officers to follow closely to the instruction as given by the Grand Lecturer.

The Annual District Convention was held Oct. 14, 1910, in the Masonic Temple at Malone, under the supervision of R.'. W.'. WARREN

C. HUBBARD, Grand Lecturer, assisted by R.'. W.'. NEWTON N. KEELER, Past District Deputy Grand Master, R.'. W.'. FLOYD G. SHUFELT, District Deputy Grand Master, being ill.

I have found the Masters of this District ready to conform to any requirements of the Grand Lodge which was brought to their attention.

In the death of R.'. W.'. FLOYD G. SHUFELT, you lost a loyal friend; the Grand Lodge a worthy representative, and this District one of its most influential members.

I thank you most heartily for the honor conferred in appointing me your representative in this Forty-first District. It has been a pleasure to visit the different Lodges in this official capacity.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you upon the success of your administration and to wish you a happy and prosperous future.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ROY N. PORTER,

*D. D. G. M., Forty-first Masonic District.*

## LIST OF LODGES

IN GOOD STANDING, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK.

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
1	ST. JOHN'S.....	4	49	WATERTOWN.....	24
2	INDEPENDENT ROYAL ARCH....	4	50	CONCORD.....	4
3	MOUNT VERNON.....	17	51	FIDELITY.....	30
4	ST. PATRICK'S.....	19	53	BROWNVILLE.....	24
5	MASTERS'.....	17	54	GERMAN UNION.....	9
6	ST. GEORGE'S.....	17	55	GRANVILLE.....	20
7	HUDSON.....	14	56	ST. ALBANS.....	3
8	HOLLAND.....	4	58	PHENIX.....	17
9	UNITY.....	14	60	SUFFOLK.....	1
10	KINGSTON.....	15	62	MANHATTAN.....	4
11	LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.....	4	63	MORTON.....	1
12	TRINITY.....	9	64	LA FAYETTE.....	4
13	APOLLO.....	17	65	MORNING STAR.....	34
14	TEMPLE.....	17	66	RICHMOND.....	11
15	WESTERN STAR.....	26	67	MARINERS'.....	4
16	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	4	68	MONTGOMERY.....	4
17	L'UNION FRANÇAISE.....	10	69	NAVAL.....	4
19	FORTITUDE.....	3	70	JOHN HANCOCK.....	4
20	PIONEER.....	4	73	LOCKPORT.....	37
21	WASHINGTON.....	4	75	EVENING STAR.....	17
22	ST. JOHN'S.....	21	79	HAMILTON.....	19
23	ADELPHI.....	4	82	PHŒBUS.....	26
26	ALBION.....	4	83	NEWARK.....	32
27	MOUNT MORIAH.....	4	84	ARTISAN.....	19
28	BENEVOLENT.....	4	85	WASHINGTON.....	17
30	DIRIGO.....	4	86	PYTHAGORAS.....	9
31	LOTUS.....	4	87	SCHODACK UNION.....	17
32	WARREN.....	14	90	FRANKLIN.....	21
33	ARK.....	31	91	KING SOLOMON'S PRIMITIVE.....	17
34	COURTLANDT.....	12	93	MILITARY.....	27
35	HOWARD.....	4	94	LODGE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE..	4
39	OLIVE BRANCH.....	36	95	UNION.....	29
40	OLIVE BRANCH.....	19	96	PHENIX.....	20
41	SYLVAN.....	30	97	RENOVATION.....	37
44	EVENING STAR.....	34	98	COLUMBIA.....	14
45	UNION.....	33	103	RIISING SUN.....	21
46	HUGUENOT.....	12	104	LEWIS.....	34
47	UTICA.....	26	105	HIRAM.....	38
48	ARK.....	15	106	MANITOU.....	4

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
107	NORTH STAR.....	41	158	CARTHAGE.....	24
108	MILLO.....	31	159	PULTNEYVILLE.....	32
109	VALLEY.....	33	160	SENECA RIVER.....	27
110	SCIPIO.....	30	161	ERIE.....	38
111	ST. LAWRENCE.....	28	162	SCHUYLER'S LAKE.....	18
112	STEBBEN.....	34	163	YONKONDIO.....	33
113	SENECA.....	31	164	PHILANTHROPIC.....	26
114	UNION.....	31	165	BOONVILLE.....	26
115	PHENIX.....	33	166	FOREST.....	40
116	COHOES.....	17	167	SUSQUEHANNA.....	28
117	PAINTED POST.....	34	168	MONTOUR.....	34
118	ADDISON UNION.....	34	169	CLINTON.....	26
119	OASIS.....	15	171	LAFARGEVILLE.....	24
120	HAMILTON.....	27	172	CHAUMONT.....	24
121	GLENS FALLS.....	21	173	MONROE.....	33
122	MOUNT MORRIS.....	33	174	THERESA.....	24
123	DUNDEE.....	31	175	OXFORD.....	28
124	ST. PAUL'S.....	30	176	MONTEZUMA.....	30
125	EASTERN LIGHT.....	28	177	BINGHAMTON.....	28
127	OSWEGO.....	25	178	ATLANTIC.....	5
128	OGDENSBURGH.....	23	179	GERMAN PILGRIM.....	9
129	SANGER.....	26	180	WESTCHESTER.....	12
130	PORT BYRON.....	30	181	LITTLE FALLS.....	19
131	MYSTLE.....	29	182	GERMANIA.....	9
132	NIAGARA FRONTIER.....	37	183	FARMERVILLE.....	31
134	LOWVILLE.....	24	184	TURIN.....	24
135	SACKETS HARBOR.....	24	185	INDEPENDENT.....	5
136	MEXICO.....	25	187	DARCY.....	5
137	ANGLO-SAXON.....	3	188	MARSH.....	2
138	OTSEGO.....	18	190	MUNN.....	5
139	MILNOR.....	31	191	LEBANON.....	5
140	CLINTON.....	21	193	ULSTER.....	15
141	CATO.....	30	194	PIATT.....	5
142	MORNING SUN.....	22	195	EXCELSIOR.....	5
143	CONCORDIA.....	38	196	SOLOMON'S.....	12
144	HIRAM.....	25	197	YORK.....	5
145	MOUNT MORIAH.....	40	198	SILENTIA.....	5
146	WESTERN UNION.....	35	199	HARMONY.....	9
147	WARREN.....	30	200	SINCERITY.....	31
148	SULLIVAN.....	27	201	JOPPA.....	3
149	AU SABLE RIVER.....	22	202	ZSCHOKKE.....	9
150	SAUVOIT.....	26	203	TEMPLAR.....	5
151	SENTINEL.....	34	204	PALESTINE.....	5
152	HANOVER.....	40	205	HYATT.....	2
153	FRIENDSHIP.....	29	206	EMPIRE CITY.....	5
154	PENFIELD UNION.....	33	207	UNITED STATES.....	5
155	CLINTON.....	22	208	CYRUS.....	5
156	OCEAN.....	4	209	NATIONAL.....	5
157	TRUMANSBURGH.....	30	210	WORTH.....	5



No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
211	POCAHONTAS .....	31	267	FORT EDWARD .....	20
213	RACKET RIVER .....	28	268	HERMANN .....	9
214	GENESEO .....	33	270	ONEIDA .....	27
216	FRANKLIN .....	5	271	CHANCELLOR WALWORTH .....	5
217	GOUVERNEUR .....	23	272	MYSTIC TIE .....	6
218	HARTLAND .....	37	273	METROPOLITAN .....	6
219	SUMMIT .....	40	274	AROTURUS .....	6
221	CATUGA .....	30	275	SYLVAN GROVE .....	6
223	ROMAN .....	26	276	MOHAWK VALLEY .....	19
224	ORIENTAL .....	26	277	HENRY CLAY .....	6
225	ALLEGANY .....	35	278	MARION .....	6
226	ANTWERP .....	24	279	KING SOLOMON .....	9
227	EASTERN STAR .....	5	280	DORIC .....	6
229	ORIONA .....	35	282	OTEGO UNION .....	18
230	WELLSVILLE .....	35	283	BEACON .....	14
231	CANASTOTA .....	27	284	BALTIC .....	2
232	NAVIGATOR .....	9	285	GEORGE WASHINGTON .....	6
233	PACIFIC .....	5	286	MONTAUK .....	3
234	RIISING SUN .....	24	287	CONTINENTAL .....	6
235	KEYSTONE .....	5	288	BROOKLYN .....	3
236	PHILIPSTOWN .....	12	289	ST. ANDREW'S .....	16
237	CHAMPLAIN .....	23	290	SPENCER .....	29
238	ORIENT .....	24	291	NORTHERN CONSTELLATION .....	41
239	CATTARAUGUS .....	39	292	PARISH .....	38
240	WASHINGTON .....	33	293	CAPE VINCENT .....	24
241	CONSTITUTION .....	5	294	CANANDAIGUA .....	31
243	EUREKA .....	5	295	CATARACT .....	37
244	HOPE .....	5	296	CLAYTON .....	24
245	POLAR STAR .....	5	297	ALEXANDRIA .....	24
246	ARCANA .....	5	298	FISH HOUSE .....	19
247	TONAWANDA .....	38	299	KESHEQUA .....	33
248	PALMYRA .....	32	300	GAROGA .....	19
249	CHARTER OAK .....	5	301	IRONDEQUOIT .....	40
250	JOHN D. WILLARD .....	5	302	NORWICH .....	23
252	OLEAN .....	39	303	SYLVAN .....	40
253	OLD OAK .....	29	304	SCHILLER .....	9
254	WALWORTH .....	32	305	CENTRAL CITY .....	27
255	LIVING STONE .....	38	306	CUBA .....	35
256	FORT BREWERTON .....	27	307	ELLCOTTVILLE .....	39
257	MOUNT NEBOH .....	5	308	SENECA LAKE .....	31
258	MAEEDONIA .....	35	309	NEWBURGH .....	13
259	SISCO .....	22	310	LEXINGTON .....	3
260	MOUNT HOPE .....	20	311	MOUNT ZION .....	17
261	EVANS .....	38	313	STONY POINT .....	13
262	PHOENIX .....	39	315	WAWAYANDA .....	13
263	MOUNT VERNON .....	36	316	ATLAS .....	6
264	BARON STEUBEN .....	26	317	NEPTUNE .....	6
265	SPEEDSVILLE .....	30	318	JOSEPH ENOS .....	35
266	POUGHKEEPSIE .....	14	319	BLACK LAKE .....	23

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
320	UNION STAR.....	88	375	NIAGARA.....	87
321	ST. NICHOLAS.....	6	376	ONTARIO.....	87
322	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.....	8	377	RUSHVILLE.....	31
323	AMITY.....	6	378	BIG FLATS.....	29
324	FREEDOM.....	18	379	OAKLAND.....	86
325	REPUBLICAN.....	25	380	MURRAY.....	87
326	SALEM TOWN.....	30	381	HUGUENOT.....	11
327	ACACIA.....	6	382	LONG ISLAND.....	8
328	PORT JERVIS.....	13	383	AURORA.....	41
330	NEW YORK.....	6	384	CHERRY CREEK.....	40
331	HORNELLVILLE.....	84	385	WEEDSPORT.....	80
332	JEFFERSON.....	29	386	JORDAN.....	27
333	WESTBROOK.....	29	387	LA FRATERNIDAD.....	10
334	CHERRY VALLEY.....	18	388	UPPER LISLE.....	23
335	WIDOW'S SON.....	14	389	MARGARETVILLE.....	16
336	MEDINA.....	37	391	SALEM.....	20
337	GREENBUSH.....	17	392	SODUS.....	32
338	PUTNAM.....	6	393	WADDINGTON.....	23
339	PURITAN.....	6	394	COBLESKILL.....	18
340	MODESTIA.....	38	395	AMBER.....	23
341	CLYDE.....	32	396	DEPOSIT.....	28
342	LILY.....	6	397	IVY.....	29
343	RONDOUT.....	15	398	HOME.....	21
345	LODI.....	31	399	MAINE.....	23
347	HAMPTON.....	26	400	VAN RENSSELAER.....	17
348	ADELPHIC.....	6	402	CRESCENT.....	6
349	PECONIC.....	1	403	GREENPOINT.....	2
350	CHEMUNG VALLEY.....	29	404	CONSTELLATION.....	36
351	SPRINGVILLE.....	38	406	HUMANITY.....	32
352	HOMER.....	27	407	WAVERLY.....	29
354	PROGRESSIVE.....	2	408	CITY.....	6
355	JERUSALEM.....	17	409	COMMONWEALTH.....	3
356	UNITED BROTHERS.....	9	410	LA CLÉMENTE AMITIÉ COSMOPOLITE.....	10
357	CANADEA.....	35	411	CANDOR.....	29
358	QUEEN CITY.....	38	412	HOFFMAN.....	18
359	RANDOLPH.....	39	413	WEST STAR.....	36
360	AFTON.....	23	414	SCRIBA.....	25
361	CENTRAL.....	3	415	PULASKI.....	25
362	VALATIE.....	14	416	WAYNE.....	32
363	EVERGREEN.....	18	417	WADSWORTH.....	17
364	HORSE HEADS.....	29	418	MOAIG.....	6
365	GOSHEN.....	13	419	ARCADE.....	36
367	CORNER STONE.....	2	420	NEW LONDON.....	26
368	CROTON.....	12	421	GENOA.....	30
369	CALLIMACHUS.....	25	422	FRONTIER CITY.....	25
371	SAGAMORE.....	6	423	HERKIMER.....	19
372	SANDY HILL.....	20	425	WARRENSBURGH.....	31
373	LA SINCÉRITÉ.....	10	426	NORTHFIELD.....	33
374	MONUMENTAL.....	14			

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
427	CASCADE.....	15	481	CAMBRIDGE VALLEY.....	20
428	HIGH FALLS.....	28	482	RICHFIELD SPRINGS.....	18
429	GLOVERSVILLE.....	19	483	ZEREDATHA.....	3
430	STAR OF HOPE.....	3	484	COLUMBIAN.....	7
431	AUBURN.....	30	485	STELLA.....	3
432	RHINEBECK.....	14	486	IONIC.....	7
433	FORT PLAIN.....	19	487	TECUMSEH.....	7
434	HIAWATHA.....	12	488	CORINTHIAN.....	7
435	OTSENINGO.....	28	489	MANAHATTA.....	7
437	WAMPONAMON.....	1	490	PYRAMID.....	7
438	MARATHON.....	27	491	SCHOHARIE VALLEY.....	18
439	DELHI.....	16	492	WYOMING.....	7
440	VIENNA.....	26	493	SOUTH SIDE.....	1
441	LODGE OF THE ANCIENT LAND- MARKS.....	38	494	JEPHTHA.....	1
442	WINDSOR.....	28	496	GROTON.....	30
444	SHERBURNE.....	28	497	GLENDALE.....	21
445	CASSIA.....	2	498	DE MOLAY.....	38
446	OLTMANS.....	2	499	DEER RIVER.....	23
447	FRANKLIN.....	6	500	HERMON.....	23
449	HIRAM.....	6	501	SYRACUSE.....	27
450	RISING STAR.....	12	504	MONTGOMERY.....	21
451	DELTA.....	3	505	NORTHERN LIGHT.....	22
452	ANCIENT CITY.....	17	506	RODMAN.....	24
453	CLINTON.....	2	507	GENESEE FALLS.....	33
454	KANE.....	6	508	HERSCHEL.....	20
455	NEWPORT.....	19	509	LINDENWALD.....	14
456	SENATE.....	21	510	LIBERTY.....	34
457	HARLEM.....	7	511	KINGS COUNTY.....	3
458	SHEKOMOKO.....	14	512	HUMBOLDT.....	9
459	URBANA.....	34	513	MASSENA.....	23
461	YEW TREE.....	2	514	ZION.....	38
462	ATTICA.....	36	515	BUTTERNUTS.....	18
463	LAMOKA.....	29	516	PARK.....	7
464	DOWNSVILLE.....	16	517	FRONTIER.....	41
466	ONEONTA.....	18	519	ARCHITECT.....	7
467	GREENWICH.....	7	520	SALT SPRINGS.....	27
468	CATSKILL.....	15	521	CALLICOON.....	16
470	CORTLANDVILLE.....	27	522	SKANEATELES.....	27
471	TOMPKINS.....	11	523	NORMAL.....	7
472	DRYDEN.....	30	524	MORNING STAR.....	27
473	WHITE PLAINS.....	12	525	LIVERPOOL.....	27
474	BELMONT.....	35	526	HENRIETTA.....	33
475	BATAVIA.....	36	527	AKRON.....	33
476	FAIRPORT.....	33	528	MONITOR.....	7
477	WILDWOOD.....	23	529	MOUNTAIN.....	15
478	DANSVILLE.....	34	531	FULTONVILLE.....	19
479	ETOLIAN.....	33	532	MONTICELLO.....	16
480	WEBOTUCK.....	14	533	ROUND HILL.....	28
			534	TIOGA.....	29

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535	AMERICUS.....	7	584	ASHLAR.....	20
536	NASSAU.....	3	585	COSMOPOLITAN.....	3
537	GRAMERCY.....	7	586	ISLAND CITY.....	1
538	WEBSTER.....	33	587	AHWAGA.....	29
539	FAYETTE.....	31	588	GLOBE.....	7
540	HILL GROVE.....	2	589	RAMAPO.....	13
541	BRASHER.....	23	590	ROSE.....	32
542	GARIBALDI.....	10	591	ILION.....	19
543	TRILUMINAR.....	36	592	SCHENEVUS VALLEY.....	18
544	WARWICK.....	13	594	ALDEN.....	33
545	COPERNICUS.....	9	595	SOCRATES.....	9
546	JAMAICA.....	1	596	HOPEWELL.....	7
547	CAMERON MILLS.....	34	597	WESTERN LIGHT.....	23
548	LAURENS.....	18	598	TABERNACLE.....	7
549	WARSAW.....	36	599	KENNYETTO.....	19
550	HANNIBAL.....	25	600	EVANGELIST.....	7
551	RANSOMVILLE.....	37	601	ALTAIR.....	3
552	HANCOCK.....	16	602	ADIRONDACK.....	22
553	FARMERS'.....	13	603	ASTOR.....	7
554	WORKING.....	18	604	PERFECT ASHLAR.....	7
555	DIAMOND.....	12	605	TIENUDERRAH.....	18
556	NORTH BANGOR.....	41	606	MASONVILLE.....	16
557	JAMES M. AUSTIN.....	15	607	HUDSON RIVER.....	13
558	ANDOVER.....	35	608	LESSING.....	9
559	WALTON.....	16	610	IVANHOE.....	7
560	WOLCOTT.....	32	611	ST. JOHNSVILLE.....	19
561	DELAWARE.....	16	612	HILLSDALE.....	14
562	FRANKLIN.....	16	613	CLEVELAND.....	25
563	CORNUCOPIA.....	1	614	NEWARK VALLEY.....	29
564	SANDY CREEK.....	25	615	STISSING.....	14
565	GUIDING STAR.....	7	616	CAZENOVIA.....	27
566	RUSSELL.....	23	617	TEUTONIA.....	9
567	ARGYLE.....	20	618	TYRIAN.....	2
568	ST. CECILE.....	7	619	EAGLE.....	31
569	GREENWOOD.....	3	620	CLINTON F. PAIGE.....	39
570	AVON SPRINGS.....	33	622	CENTRAL SQUARE.....	25
571	CŒUR DE LION.....	16	624	SHARON SPRINGS.....	18
572	MOUNT HERMON.....	22	625	FRATERNAL.....	38
573	DEPEYSTER.....	23	626	FRANKLINVILLE.....	39
574	BEDFORD.....	8	627	WALLKILL.....	13
575	OLIVE.....	40	628	CITIZENS'.....	7
576	FESSLER.....	9	629	GOETHE.....	9
577	ELK.....	23	630	GILBOA.....	18
578	FAYETTEVILLE.....	27	631	GIRARD.....	7
579	PORTVILLE.....	39	633	RICHVILLE.....	23
580	GLEN COVE.....	1	634	SCOTIA.....	7
581	WINFIELD.....	19	635	ADVANCE.....	1
582	WAWARSING.....	15	636	MANUAL.....	2
583	PRATTSBURGH.....	34	637	RISING LIGHT.....	24

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668	CRYSTAL WAVE.....	8	698	KEDEMAH.....	15
669	SOMERSET.....	37	694	BLAZING STAR.....	38
640	ADYTUM.....	3	695	ALCYONE.....	1
641	COPESTONE.....	7	696	PEACOCK.....	40
642	KNICKERBOCKER.....	8	697	FAXTON.....	26
643	DANIEL CARPENTER.....	8	698	HERDER.....	9
645	RIVERHEAD.....	1	699	HARMONIE.....	38
646	RED JACKET.....	37	700	AQUILA.....	14
647	MISTLETOE.....	3	701	BEACON LIGHT.....	11
648	CENTREVILLE.....	27	702	MARBLE.....	13
649	MCCLELLAN.....	34	703	GAVEL.....	8
650	AMBOY.....	25	704	TUSCAN.....	2
651	TRUE CRAFTSMAN'S.....	8	705	ACACIAN.....	23
653	MAMARO.....	13	706	CINCINNATUS.....	27
654	EMANUEL.....	8	707	MOUNT HOREB.....	22
655	BUNTING.....	8	708	KISCO.....	12
656	EUCLID.....	2	709	MERCHANTS'.....	2
657	LIVINGSTON.....	8	710	RIDGEWOOD.....	2
658	MORRISVILLE.....	27	711	STANDARD.....	13
659	SOUTH OTSELIC.....	28	712	PELHAM.....	8
660	ROCHESTER.....	33	713	SOCIAL.....	37
661	BEETHOVEN.....	9	714	WIELAND.....	9
662	CAMBRIDGE.....	3	715	IROQUOIS.....	22
663	MIDDLEBURGH.....	18	716	HOBASCO.....	30
664	AMICABLE.....	26	717	ORION.....	3
665	MACEDON.....	32	718	ADONAI.....	15
666	DOVER.....	14	719	ACANTHUS.....	3
667	CHURCHVILLE.....	33	720	PISGAH.....	24
669	PORT LEYDEN.....	24	721	JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....	13
670	STAR.....	17	722	GERMANIA OF ROCHESTER.....	33
671	WAPPINGER'S.....	14	723	ROCKLAND.....	13
672	AMENIA.....	14	724	ANCIENT.....	8
673	AVOCA.....	34	725	SOUTHERN LIGHT.....	29
674	GRATITUDE.....	17	726	CAUTIOUS.....	27
675	YATES.....	37	727	CHARITY.....	8
676	SCHUTLER.....	21	728	ALMA.....	8
677	REMSSEN.....	26	729	ANCHOR.....	1
678	SEAWANHAKA.....	2	730	NEW HOPE.....	17
679	ÆONIAN.....	25	731	SUNNY SIDE.....	17
680	VICTOR.....	17	732	EZEL.....	3
681	CAROLINE.....	30	733	BETHEL.....	8
682	NUNDA STATION.....	38	734	VERITAS.....	8
684	BERNE.....	17	735	UHLAND.....	9
687	OSWEGATCHIE.....	23	736	NEPPERHAN.....	13
688	DEPAUVILLE.....	24	737	GUTTENBURG.....	17
689	WHAT CHEER.....	23	738	MIZPAH.....	1
690	REPUBLIC.....	8	739	RADIANT.....	8
691	MERIDIAN.....	1	740	ALLEMANIA.....	9
692	DE RUYTER.....	27	741	SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP.....	15

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742	STAR OF CUBA .....	8	794	MOUNT DEFIANCE .....	22
743	MAIMONIDES .....	8	795	WHITNEY'S POINT .....	28
744	PENTALPHA .....	8	796	DOLGEBVILLE .....	19
745	STUYVESANT .....	8	797	FRANK R. LAWRENCE .....	33
746	ROOME .....	8	798	DAY STAR .....	3
747	SANCTORUM .....	8	799	ORISKANY .....	26
748	LINCOLN .....	9	800	APAWAMIS .....	12
749	FELLOWSHIP .....	23	801	SIDNEY .....	16
750	SHAKESPEARE .....	8	802	ONONDAGA .....	27
751	LA UNIVERSAL .....	10	803	KEDRON .....	3
752	NAPHTHALI .....	8	804	ONESQUETHAU .....	17
753	JUSTICE .....	8	805	CORINTHIAN TEMPLE .....	33
754	NOAH .....	17	806	MATINECOCK .....	1
755	SAVONA .....	34	807	MOUNT TABOR .....	15
756	AURORA GRATA .....	3	808	OLYMPIA .....	1
757	SILVER .....	40	809	URIEL .....	26
758	COVENANT .....	3	810	URANIA .....	39
759	OATKA .....	33	811	BEREAN .....	39
760	KLOPSTOCK .....	9	812	ARION .....	39
761	MAPLE GROVE .....	35	813	HEBRON .....	8
763	CENTENNIAL .....	8	814	SCONONDOA .....	26
764	SAVANNAH .....	32	815	JOHN HODGE .....	31
765	VON MENSCH .....	9	816	MONGAUP .....	16
766	OCCIDENTAL .....	38	817	STERLING .....	2
767	DUNKIRK .....	40	818	MELROSE .....	35
768	SAPPHIRE .....	27	819	COMPOSITE .....	8
769	ANTHON .....	2	820	ONDAGA .....	21
770	GOLDEN RULE .....	8	821	BETHANY .....	24
771	OLON .....	9	822	MASSAPEQUA .....	1
772	RESCUE .....	22	823	DEPEW .....	38
774	LANSING .....	30	824	MAZZINI .....	10
775	MOUNT LEBANON .....	29	825	KILWINNING .....	2
776	RELIANCE .....	2	826	SUTHERLAND .....	37
777	RESTORATION .....	34	827	HARLEM VALLEY .....	14
778	LIVONIA .....	33	828	PLATTSBURGH .....	22
779	CLIO .....	33	829	WELCOME .....	19
780	HENRY RENNER .....	39	830	EUNICE .....	33
781	CANASERAGA .....	35	831	JAMES TEN EYCK .....	17
782	TRIUNE .....	14	832	HALCYON .....	14
784	KING HIRAM .....	30	833	ADONIRAM .....	39
785	NIAGARA RIVER .....	37	834	LAKE PLACID .....	22
786	ITALIA .....	10	835	HIGHLAND .....	38
787	GASPORT .....	37	836	SANDALPHON .....	3
788	FORTUNE .....	38	837	HESPERUS .....	36
789	WHITE FACE MOUNTAIN .....	41	838	CONNETQUOT .....	1
790	TAHAWUS .....	22	839	ATHELSTANE .....	13
791	LIVINGSTON MANOR .....	16	840	WILLIAM MCKINLEY .....	8
792	MINERVA .....	3	841	AGAWAMUCK .....	14
793	BABYLON .....	1	842	TRANSPORTATION .....	38

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843	STAR OF THE EAST .....	1	867	DAMASCUS .....	10
844	RADIUM .....	12	868	AZURE .....	42
845	GANSEVOORT .....	21	869	HATHEWAY .....	26
846	BUFFALO .....	38	870	CHANCELLOR KENT .....	42
847	MOUNT ARAB .....	41	871	JOHN STEWART .....	12
848	MARSHALL .....	8	872	CAVOUR .....	10
849	NORTH WOODS .....	19	873	TROWEL .....	42
850	RUSSELL .....	17	874	BLUE MOUNTAIN .....	41
851	LAKE SHORE .....	40	875	HENDRICK HUDSON .....	14
853	CIVIC .....	42	876	LOYALTY .....	42
854	ROMA .....	10	877	WEST POINT .....	13
855	PAUMANOK .....	1	878	NORSEMEN .....	10
856	BAY RIDGE .....	3	879	CHARLES W. CUSHMAN .....	38
857	FREDERIK .....	10	880	BREDABLOK .....	10
858	LORILLARD .....	13	881	TRUTH .....	42
859	COLLABERGH .....	12	882	BRYN MAWR .....	12
860	BRONX .....	42	883	WARREN PATCHIN .....	34
861	HAMMOND .....	23	884	WANDERER .....	9
862	CHARLES W. MEAD .....	17	885	COURLAND .....	42
863	DUNWOODIE .....	12	886	PLEASANTVILLE .....	12
864	MOUNT SINAI .....	27	887	LACKAWANNA .....	38
865	JONKHEER .....	12	888	FEDERAL .....	42
866	WINTAH .....	12	889	GARFIELD .....	42

LIST OF LODGES, ARRANGED BY DISTRICTS, WITH LOCATION, TIME OF MEETING, NAME OF  
MASTER AND SECRETARY, AND NUMBER OF MASTER MASONS IN EACH LODGE.  
**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 1.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
60	Suffolk.	Port Jefferson.	Suffolk.	William H. Baylis.	Joshua A. Overton.	Thursdays	184
63	Morton.	Hempstead.	Nassau.	Walter R. Jones.	Charles P. Pray.	2d & 4th Mondays.	269
349	Peconic.	Greenport.	Suffolk.	Robert W. Hawkins.	Lewellen F. Terry.	Wednesdays	214
437	Wampanam.	Sag Harbor.	"	Joseph B. Wright.	Paul Renterbach.	1st & 3d Thursdays	169
463	South Side.	Patchogue.	"	A. Smith Petty.	Arthur M. Walters.	Mondays.	286
494	Jepitha.	Huntington.	"	Frank P. Willels.	Joseph R. Jarvis.	2d & 4th Mondays.	168
546	Jamaica.	Jamaica.	Queens.	Frederick B. George.	Frank H. Bradley.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	384
563	Cornucopia.	Flushing.	"	John H. Story.	Harry R. Gelwick.	Wednesdays	302
580	Glen Cove.	Glen Cove.	Nassau.	W. Fred Starks.	John C. Small.	1st, 2d, 3d & 5th Wed.	244
586	Island City.	Long Island City.	Queens.	Alexander Kennedy.	Sherman V. Richard.	2d & 4th Mondays.	345
635	Advance.	"	"	Christopher J. Stockton.	Henry Martin.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	242
645	Riverhead.	Riverhead.	Suffolk.	Raiman Petty.	R. C. Brown.	Tuesdays.	259
691	Meridian.	Islip.	"	Wellworth Haft.	Edgar S. Clock.	Mondays	155
695	Aleyone.	Northport.	"	W. J. Brooking.	R. W. Darling.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	120
729	Anchor.	College Point.	Queens.	Albert M. Ruebsamen.	William C. Martens.	2d & 4th Thursdays	134
739	Mizpah.	Elmhurst.	"	Joseph N. Rohr.	William E. Batterson.	2d & 4th Thursdays	258
793	Babylon.	Babylon.	Suffolk.	William J. Rohr.	Joseph A. Douglass.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	144
806	Matinecock.	Oyster Bay.	Nassau.	James J. Mills.	Walter Franklin.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	167
908	Olympia.	Far Rockaway.	Queens.	Frederic W. Toleman.	Ernest W. Ault.	1st & 3d Thursdays	241
822	Massapequa.	Rockville Centre.	Nassau.	Samuel W. Conner.	William J. Carr.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	281
838	Connetquot.	Sayville.	Suffolk.	William Holms Ross.	H. Irving Vall.	1st & 3d Mondays	106
843	Star of the East.	East Hampton.	"	J. Thomas Shott.	Burtis Z. Griffing.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	72
855	Paumanok.	Great Neck.	Nassau.	William A. Dodge.	Clarence M. Onderdonk.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	112
Total.....							4,806

HARRY L. HEDGER, D. D. G. M.



# MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 2.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
188	Marsh.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	Kings..	William J. Gregory...	Augustus K. Thomas	1st & 5th Mondays.....	235
205	Hyatt.....	Bedford Ave. & Madison St..	"	John H. Stocker.....	Willard J. Gould....	2d & 4th Thursdays....	342
284	Baltic.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	Henry J. Fisher.....	John A. Smith.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	270
354	Progressive.....	Gates & Nostrand Aves.....	"	Harry E. Richardson...	Edwin E. Grapes....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	167
367	Corner Stone.....	Broadway & Boerum St.....	"	Thos. J. B. Linc-burgh..	John P. Yates.....	Every Wednesday.....	513
403	Greenpoint.....	Manhattan & Meserole Ave..	"	William J. McCaffrey...	J. Edward Nell.....	Every Thursday.....	667
430	Star of Hope.....	Broadway & Boerum St.....	"	Ernest A. Nessler.....	Edward L. Walter....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays...	381
445	Cassia.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	Simon R. Cohen.....	Henry Hamburger...	2d & 4th Thursdays...	411
446	Oltmans.....	Broadway & Boerum St.....	"	George H. Whitaker...	Gustav Taubman....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	239
453	Clinton.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	Henry F. Wehrman.....	Herbert F. Tuttle....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	320
461	Yew Tree.....	1023 Gates Ave.....	"	Edward Nelson.....	Robert E. Harper....	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'days...	159
540	Hill Grove.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	William E. Cardwell...	Reginald Harvey....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays...	309
618	Tyrlian.....	63 Pennsylvania Ave.....	"	Thomas H. Brandon...	Edwin F. Hancock...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	455
636	Manual.....	Gates & Nostrand Aves.....	"	William W. Hette.....	Frank E. Smith.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays...	325
656	Euclid.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	Charles W. Philipbar...	Revilo Wells.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	253
678	Seawanhaka.....	Broadway & Boerum St.....	"	Ernest Zimmerman...	Delbert Green.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	191
704	Tuscan.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	Walter M. Brainard...	Walter Bahr.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays...	272
709	Merchants'.....	Broadway & Boerum St.....	"	William G. Maue.....	Adam Maue.....	1st & 3d Thursdays....	377
710	Ridgewood.....	1023 Gates Ave.....	"	Charles E. Patterson...	Peter Van Cott.....	Every Thursday.....	508
769	Anthon.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	Rolland R. Raquin....	Charles J. Williams...	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays...	239
776	Reliance.....	Manhattan & Meserole Ave..	"	Walter S. Adams.....	Edward J. Vass.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays...	354
817	Sterling.....	Brooklyn Masonic Temple...	"	George H. Clark.....	Francis Fitzgerald...	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'days...	258
835	Kilwinning.....	"	"	William H. Aien.....	Fenwick W. Ritchie..	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays*	308
862	East New York	"	"	"	"	"	163

\* This was membership Nov. 30, 1909. Charter suspended on that date.

Total..... 7,655

EARL J. ADAMS, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE, 1911.

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No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
19	Fortitude .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	Kings	August F. Luca .....	Gabriel Bloch .....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays ..	279
56	St. Albans .....	" "	"	Caleb D. Hoyt .....	William B. Barnes .....	1st & 3d Thursdays .....	249
137	Anglo-Saxon .....	Bed'd Ave. & Madison St.	"	Arnon L. Squiers .....	Henry J. Noller .....	1st & 3d Wednesdays .....	449
201	Joppa .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	"	Frederick Barrie .....	William A. Armstrong .....	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays ..	571
286	Montauk .....	" "	"	Malcolm C. Zuidam .....	George F. Malby .....	1st & 3d Wednesdays .....	267
288	Brooklyn .....	" "	"	George H. Christoffers .....	John J. Cyphers .....	2d & 4th Fridays .....	386
310	Lexington .....	" "	"	Frank H. Pouch .....	Jno. G. Saunerman .....	2d & 4th Mondays .....	280
322	Star of Bethlehem .....	" "	"	Robert G. Keimater .....	John T. Romans .....	1st & 3d Fridays .....	171
351	Central .....	" "	"	Percy G. B. Glikes .....	John Cooper .....	2d & 4th Tuesdays .....	180
352	Long Island .....	" "	"	Rudy S. Uzzell .....	Charles L. Clark .....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays ..	297
409	Commonwealth .....	" "	"	Henry C. Badgley .....	E. J. Campbell .....	Every Tuesday .....	751
451	Delta .....	" "	"	George J. Miller .....	Edwin Schofield .....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays .....	278
483	Zeredatha .....	" "	"	Joseph Pulvermacher .....	William D. McClure .....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays .....	379
485	Stella .....	" "	"	J. Edward Coles .....	Alfred B. Montgomery .....	2d & 4th Thursdays .....	283
511	Kings County .....	824 Flatbush Ave. ....	"	Henry Stengel, Jr. ....	Albert Barrett .....	2d & 4th Thursdays .....	301
536	Nassau .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	"	George W. Behrman .....	William A. Dwinell .....	2d & 4th Thursdays .....	247
569	Greenwood .....	" "	"	William W. Weeks .....	Charles A. Lester .....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays ..	364
574	Bedford .....	Bed'd Ave. & Madison St.	"	Rufus Kirkland .....	George S. Smith .....	1st & 3d Thursdays .....	354
583	Cosmopolitan .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	"	Horace A. Dwyer .....	Alfred W. Slougatt .....	2d & 4th Tuesdays .....	296
601	Altair .....	Bed'd Ave. & Madison St.	"	Robert H. Ernest .....	Albert C. Aubery .....	1st & 3d Tuesdays .....	338
638	Crystal Wave .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	"	William A. Norris .....	William J. Allen .....	2d & 4th Wednesdays .....	306
640	Adytum .....	" "	"	David W. Goldthorpe .....	R. W. Gunzenhauser .....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays .....	294
647	Mistletoe .....	" "	"	Irving Blount .....	Thomas G. Singleton .....	2d & 4th Mondays .....	204
662	Cambridge .....	" "	"	Howard N. Fitzpatrick .....	Benjamin H. Selixas .....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays .....	294
717	Orion .....	14 Nevins St. ....	"	Frank Cooper .....	Charles Delapierre .....	1st & 3d Tuesdays .....	265
719	Acanthus .....	Bed'd Ave. & Madison St.	"	James S. Darcy .....	William Bower .....	1st & 3d Mondays .....	453
732	Ezel .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	"	Henry P. Graham .....	James A. Doyle .....	2d & 4th Thursdays .....	213
747	Sanctum .....	Court & Union Sts. ....	"	Charles E. Johnson .....	George T. Hale .....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays .....	192
753	Aurora Grata .....	Bed'd Ave. & Madison St.	"	Walter J. Robertson .....	Peter R. Brown .....	2d & 4th Tuesdays .....	386
758	Covenant .....	B'klyn Masonic Temple.	"	Frederick H. Walker .....	Edgar D. Davis .....	2d & 4th Wednesdays .....	238
792	Minerva .....	7th Ave. & 9th St. ....	"	John A. Derbick .....	J. Harry Conlin .....	1st & 3d Wednesdays .....	440
798	Day Star .....	51st St. & 4th Ave. ....	"	Francis E. Partridge .....	George Harris .....	2d & 4th Wednesdays .....	323
803	Kedron .....	Rutherford Pl. & 18th Ave. Bath Beach. ....	"	Wright C. Miller .....	Edward H. Avery .....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays .....	290
836	Sandalphon .....	46th St. & Ft. Ham. Ave.	"	Charles Schofield .....	George M. Allen .....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays ..	252
856	Bay Ridge .....	247 Bay Ridge Ave. ....	"	Louis Stork .....	George G. Barclay .....	2d & 4th Thursdays .....	141
Total .....							10,885

JOHN J. MACGRUM, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 4**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
1	St. John's.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York	Edwin H. Wendell.....	Louis Mink.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	236
2	Indep. Royal Arch.....	"	"	Charles P. Maury.....	Alfred A. Scharblus.....	1st & 3d Thursdays..	178
8	Holland.....	"	"	Gordon Knox Bell.....	Harry Comer.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays..	223
11	Lodge of Antiquity.....	"	"	Lewis C. Andrews.....	James H. Porter.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	120
16	Prince of Orange.....	"	"	Charles S. James.....	Forde Morgan.....	1st & 3d Thursdays..	104
20	Pioneer.....	"	"	Alexander McIntosh.....	Samuel B. Wheeler.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	238
21	Washington.....	"	"	William E. Robertson.....	Albert E. Sinclair.....	1st & 3d Thursdays..	260
23	Adelphi.....	"	"	Harry R. Mooney.....	Harry J. Sondheim.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays..	456
26	Albion.....	"	"	William C. Davis.....	Alfred S. Pettit.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	330
27	Mt. Moriah.....	"	"	Henry M. Levin.....	Albert Broch.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	832
28	Benevolent.....	"	"	James Frank Elder.....	David R. Hillson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	243
30	Dirigo.....	"	"	Charles H. Shulman.....	Julius Blumenbach.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	512
31	Lotus.....	"	"	Robert A. Stephenson.....	Ross H. Whittemore.....	1st & 3d Thursdays..	181
35	Howard.....	"	"	Guizon Borglum.....	Halstead A. Crowe.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	217
50	Concord.....	Grand Opera House.	"	William K. Farrer.....	William L. Finch.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	151
62	Manhattan.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Perry S. Laurence.....	Harold Varcoe.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	359
64	La Fayette.....	"	"	Ernest K. Hill.....	John B. Taylor.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	207
67	Mariners.....	"	"	John K. Campbell.....	James H. Philipps.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays..	140
68	Montgomery.....	"	"	Thomas B. Walling.....	William Ord.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	234
69	Naval.....	"	"	David H. Munroe.....	Samuel Garrett.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays..	272
70	John Hancock.....	"	"	John C. Fisher.....	Morris Hirsch.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	339
94	Strict Observance.....	Bronx Masonic Temple.	"	Adolph C. Hottenroth.....	Levi Glob.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	330
106	Manitou.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Charles W. Gould.....	Frank B. Guest.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	196
156	Ocean.....	Grand Opera House.	"	James Christie.....	John G. Bowden.....	2d & 4th Thursdays..	198
Total.....							5,741

JAMES H. BRICE, D. D. & M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 5.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
178	Atlantic	Masonic Hall.	New York	Edwin I. Graves.	Harvey E. Nevins.	1st & 3d Mondays.	175
185	Independent	"	"	Wilfred M. Thompson	M. Moritz Gredtzer	2d & 4th Saturdays.	242
187	Darcy	"	"	Albert S. Kleh.	M. Kolasky	2d & 4th Mondays.	394
190	Munn.	"	"	Nicholas Selagpi.	Harry Falk	2d & 4th Thursdays.	389
191	Lebanon	Masonic Hall.	"	Jerome M. Bell.	Chas. W. Richards.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	235
194	Piatt	"	"	Samuel D. Kempe.	Charles Meyers.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	453
195	Excelsior.	"	"	Frank Armstrong.	Robert S. Wardle.	2d & 4th Mondays.	373
197	York	"	"	S. C. Eberhardt.	David J. De Clark.	2d & 4th Fridays.	293
198	Silentia.	"	"	Robert J. Porter.	Fred'ck E. Haskins	1st & 3d Fridays.	264
203	Templar.	Grand Opera House.	"	Charles Starz.	Julius Oppenheimer	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	284
204	Palestine.	Masonic Hall.	"	Franklin P. Pratt.	Richard Hughes.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	306
206	Empire City.	"	"	Nathan Ullman.	Jacob L. Cohn.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	459
207	United States.	310 Lenox Ave.	"	James A. Crowe.	Sidney J. H. Howes.	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'ys.	380
208	Cyrus.	Masonic Hall.	"	Joseph F. Ritter.	John J. Evans.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	166
209	National.	"	"	Max L. Arnstein.	Raph'l Rosenberger.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	570
210	Worth.	"	"	F. Earl Blakeney.	James W. Downing.	2d & 4th Fridays.	258
216	Franklin.	500 West 160th St.	"	Henry L. Conklin.	Walter S. Hibbs.	2d & 4th Mondays.	280
227	Eastern Star.	Masonic Hall.	"	Paul C. Kast.	William Hevenor.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	175
233	Pacific	"	"	Charles H. Clarke.	Robert J. Schofield.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	637
235	Keystone.	"	"	Henry C. Hansen.	Fred. J. Causbrook.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	165
241	Constitution.	"	"	J. Edward Harila.	George Keiser.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	236
243	Eureka.	"	"	William F. Russell.	J. J. McAllister.	1st & 3d Mondays.	273
244	Hope.	"	"	Thomas E. Hill.	Charles Miller, Jr.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	478
245	Polar Star.	"	"	Miles M. Dawson.	Wm. W. Williamson	1st & 3d Mondays.	478
246	Arcana.	"	"	W. T. Gieselburg, Jr.	I. Van Benschoten.	1st & 3d Mondays.	194
249	Charter Oak.	"	"	Matthew J. Smith.	William G. Scherrer	2d & 4th Wednesdays	254
250	John D. Willard.	"	"	Wm. F. Bredemeyer.	James T. Walker.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	143
257	Mount Nebol.	"	"	Benjamin Bankset.	Isidore Metzger.	2d & 4th Mondays.	701
271	Chancellor Walworth	"	"	Victor L. Zorn.	George W. Hall.	2d & 4th Wednesdays	565
Total.....							9,369

PAUL M. CRANDELL, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 6.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
272	Mystic Tie.	Masonic Hall.	New York	Wm. W. Lighthouse.	T. D. Tennant.	2d & 4th Fridays.	102
278	Metropolitan	"	"	Walter I. Hess.	J. B. Russell.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	297
274	Arcturus	N. E. cor. 57th St. & 3d Ave.	"	Harry P. Mills.	William F. Munch.	1st & 3d Fridays.	110
275	Sylvan Grove.	Masonic Hall.	"	Benjamin I. Freer.	Edgar Kirby.	2d & 4th Wednesdays	171
277	Henry Clay	"	"	Charles R. Conklin.	George K. Hinds.	2d & 4th Fridays.	189
278	Marion	1931 Washington Av.	"	Samuel B. Hatchings.	August Ripperger.	1st & 3d Mondays.	176
280	Doric	Masonic Hall.	"	Charles J. Graf.	Barrillai G. Bean.	2d & 4th Fridays.	225
285	George Washington	"	"	Adolph Sheriff.	Jared A. Timpaon.	1st & 3d Fridays.	194
287	Continental	"	"	Frederick H. Patterson.	Law'ree E. Westerfield	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	241
316	Atlas.	"	"	Hugh C. Harris.	William F. Boehmer.	1st & 3d Fridays.	128
317	Neptune	"	"	William L. Nelson.	P. F. Connolly.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	176
321	St. Nicholas.	"	"	John Atkins.	Charles C. Duprat.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	137
323	Amity	"	"	George T. Mundorf.	John R. Pope.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	353
327	Acacia	"	"	William Richardson.	John A. Henderson.	1st & 3d Tuesdays	182
330	New York	"	"	Phillip Wiegand.	Arthur W. Stoddart.	2d & 4th Tuesdays	345
333	Putnam	"	"	John H. Ball.	John A. Williams.	1st & 3d Fridays	201
339	Puritan	"	"	Ernest M. Ledden.	James W. Tilford.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	165
343	Lily	1931 Washington Av.	"	Fred H. Wefer.	Leon B. Carey.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	188
349	Adelphic	Masonic Hall.	"	Alfred E. Hassall.	Walter Chercham.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	198
371	Sagamore	"	"	John William Triner.	Clarence S. Ellen.	1st & 3d Wednesdays	302
402	Crescent	"	"	Robert H. Robinson.	William J. Beamish.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	444
408	City	"	"	Herbert L. Celler.	Francis Clery.	1st & 3d Mondays.	248
418	Mosaic.	"	"	Charles G. Rauchfuss.	Oscar M. Reed.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	196
447	Franklin	"	"	Maurice J. Katz.	Louis C. Moss.	1st & 3d Mondays.	277
449	Hiram	"	"	J. A. Harris.	J. A. Harris.	1st & 3d Fridays.	146
454	Kane.	"	"	Robert H. Rucker.	Henry W. Penoyer.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	505
Total							6,007

HAROLD E. LIPPINCOTT, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 7.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
457	Harlem.....	Lenox Av. & 126th St.	New York.	Frederick W. Knapp	Charles E. Haight.....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.....	392
467	Greenwich.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Melvin G. Wooley.....	Andrew Merz.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	327
484	Columbian.....	"	"	Jacob Ullmann.....	John H. Bierwirth.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	390
486	Ionic.....	"	"	Ab'm L. Kohnfelder.....	Herman Stark.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	278
487	Tecumseh.....	"	"	John F. Puvogel.....	Clarence M. Davis.....	1st & 4th Mondays.....	235
488	Corinthian.....	"	"	William V. Robinson.....	John Beach.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	289
489	Manhattan.....	Lenox Av. & 126th St.	"	William E. Welsh.....	James McClurg.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	145
490	Pyramid.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Wm. Wallace Grant.....	Charles H. Baldwin.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	565
492	Wyoming.....	Westchester, N. Y. C.	"	Fred'r K Reinschmidt.....	Lewis F. Diehl.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	240
516	Park.....	Carnegie Hall.....	"	Alexander Moore.....	Bernard Leidner.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	350
519	Architect.....	155 East 58th St.	"	William A. Mead.....	Ag'n H. Cantor.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	289
523	Normal.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	William J. McCaw.....	John C. Hassel.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	204
528	Monitor.....	"	"	John McAllister.....	Giles Rae.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	318
535	Americus.....	"	"	Henry Metz.....	Charles M. Hayward.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	301
537	Gramercy.....	"	"	John S. Norris.....	J. George Lotz.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	257
565	Guiding Star.....	Bronx Mas'c Temple	"	Jesse Collins.....	Richard M. Backus.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	323
568	St. Cecile.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	C. Frank Shepard.....	Henry W. Roe.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tues. at 1.30 p.m.	618
588	Globe.....	"	"	Paul C. L. Riege.....	John D. James.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	108
596	Hopewell.....	Woodlawn, N. Y. City	"	Lambert K. Percocok.....	Judge H. Cuvett.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	189
598	Tabernacle.....	Grand Opera House	"	August O. Bendig.....	Charles Watson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	171
600	Evangelist.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Edm'd E. Wendehack.....	Robert T. Reid.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	192
603	Astor.....	"	"	Louis W. Boyer.....	John Thompson.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	186
604	Perfect Ashlar.....	155 East 58th St.	"	I. Edwin Goldwasser.....	Nathan Unger.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	444
610	Ivanhoe.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Richard B. Duvekinck.....	Alan Williams.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	140
628	Citizens.....	"	"	Emanuel M. Kafer.....	Emanuel A. Schwarz.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	219
631	Girard.....	"	"	Harold E. Gunter.....	Clarence P. Fish.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	117
634	Scotia.....	"	"	Elliott F. S. Eickelberg.....	Samuel C. Martin.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	269
641	Copestone.....	"	"	James H. Bennett.....	Harry T. Gibson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	373

Total..... 7,819

DANA B. PRATT, D. D. O. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 8.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
612	Knickerbocker.	Masonic Hall	New York.	L. V. D. Hardenbergh.	William E. Martin.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	148
613	Daniel Carpentier	"	"	Lewis S. Goebel, Jr.	Harry Williams.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	236
631	True Craftsman's	Elks' Hall	"	Charles N. Kayser.	Morris Doblin.	2d & 4th Wednesdays	845
634	Emanuel.	Masonic Hall.	"	William Cohen.	Nathan Cohen.	2d & 4th Wednesdays	880
635	Bundling.	Lenox Av. & 126th St.	"	Charles H. Reed.	I. W. Rouse.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	244
657	Livingston.	"	"	Charles H. Fox.	George L. Weber.	1st & 3d Mondays.	248
690	Republic.	"	"	Charles G. Telf.	Charles W. Seguin.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	372
703	Gavel.	Bronx Masonic Hall.	"	George H. Taylor.	J. Clark Wilson.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	348
712	Pelham.	City Island	"	James B. Prout.	Aaron F. Bell.	1st & 3d Tuesdays	181
724	Ancient.	Masonic Hall.	"	Alfred J. Worsdell.	Stephen B. Wheeler.	2d & 4th Fridays.	416
727	Charity.	Carnegie Hall.	"	John J. Farbridge.	David Taylor.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	328
728	Alma.	155 East 58th St.	"	William G. Orr.	Frank B. Pierdon.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	158
733	Bethel.	Masonic Hall.	"	William H. Michales.	Alexander Connell.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	210
734	Veritas.	"	"	Lloyd J. Levy.	George E. A. Ite.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	268
739	Radiant.	155 East 58th St.	"	Edward G. Meyer.	W. R. A. Koehl.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	199
742	Star of Cuba.	"	"	Melville O. Fletcher.	Philip T. Lutz.	2d & 4th Mondays.	205
743	Maimonides.	Masonic Hall.	"	Abraham Seiffer.	Henry H. Guttman.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	432
744	Pentalpha.	"	"	Thomas Smith, Jr.	Robert M. Bingham.	2d & 4th Fridays.	255
745	Stuyvesant.	"	"	Thos. W. Seward.	William F. Ford.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	292
746	Roome.	"	"	William R. Worral.	Charles T. Lunt.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	292
750	Shakespeare.	"	"	Leopold Levy.	Abram Frank.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	397
752	Naphtali.	Lenox Av. & 126th St.	"	Harry X. Sinson.	Fred. Rohrs.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.	185
753	Justice.	Masonic Hall.	"	Thaddeus C. Miller.	Bernard Lurie.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	177
763	Centennial.	"	"	Arthur K. Kuhn.	Emanuel Marx.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	678
770	Golden Rule.	Lenox Av. & 126th St.	"	Harry Symons.	W. H. Palles, Sr.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	851
813	Hebron.	Williamsbridge.	"	Joseph C. Monat.	S. T. Shay.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	179
819	Composite.	212 East 86th St.	"	Michael L. Levy.	Ned Jacoby.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	815
840	Wm. McKinley.	Carnegie Hall.	"	Arnold Michaelis.	Joseph Rothechild.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	255
844	Marshall.	Masonic Hall.	"	Benj. Friedman.	C. Grobner.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	324
853	Civic.	Lenox Av. & 126th St.	"	Isaac F. Schwartz.	Moses W. Schwartz.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	299
860	Bronx.	Bronx Masonic Temple	"	S. A. Vander Poorten.	Ernest J. Well.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	102
869	Azure.	McKinley Hall, Bronx	"	Leopold F. W. Haas.	George J. Hunt.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	68
870	Chancellor Kent	Grand Opera House.	"	Isaac Lang.	Iddore M. Brown.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	111
873	Trowel.	Bronx Masonic Temple	"	Frank A. Spencer	Joseph J. Barr.	2d & 4th Fridays.	82
876	Mordcael.	Carnegie Hall.	"	William S. Styles	Morris D. Silverstein	1st, 3d & 5th Weds.	63
881	Truth.	Masonic Hall	"	Moses Friedmann.	Bernard E. Frank.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	69
Total.							9,187

ANDREW T. TALLMADGE, D. D. C. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 9.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
12	Trinity.....	220 East 15th St.	New York	Charles Vetter.....	Charles F. Weisenbach	2d & 4th Mondays...	183
54	German Union...	"	"	Gustav Gnam.....	H. L. Steff.....	1st & 3d Mondays...	106
86	Pythagoras.....	"	"	Chas. Renzland.....	George Banger.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	119
179	German Pilgrim	"	"	Lucas Armbruster, Jr.	Jacob Hedderich...	2d & 4th Thursdays...	114
182	Germania.....	"	"	Chas. Grosch.....	Peter Wohler.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	181
199	Harmony.....	"	"	Otto Partenheimer...	Louis Kleinbohl...	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	202
202	Zschokke.....	"	"	John Diehl.....	Ernst Anslor.....	1st & 3d Thursdays...	146
232	Navigator.....	"	"	Gustav Adolph.....	Henry Baer.....	1st & 3d Thursdays...	151
208	Hermann.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Geo. Schmersahl...	George Kahrmann...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	245
279	King Solomon...	214-216 E. 86th St.	"	Samuel Weingart...	Otto Ochs.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	285
304	Schiller.....	B'klyn.....	Kings	Philip Bartel.....	Chas J. Weiss.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	272
356	United Brothers	Masonic Hall.....	New York	Henry Bischoff...	William Grote.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	280
512	Humboldt.....	220 East 15th St.	"	Max Goldschmidt...	Solomon Klein.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	222
545	Copernicus.....	1028 Gates Av., B'klyn.	Kings	William Wendt...	Herman H. Weiss...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	194
576	Fessler.....	220 East 15th St.	New York	George N. Blust...	Hermann Klotz...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	120
595	Socrates.....	"	"	Chas. Ittler.....	William Kurtzer...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	178
608	Lessing.....	Masonic Temple, B'klyn	Kings	G. Henker.....	Charles Lauber...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	257
617	Teutonia.....	220 East 15th St.	New York	Andrew Durst.....	Edmund O. Braendle	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	252
629	Goethe.....	"	"	Gustav Kotzenberg.	Henry Fischer.....	2d & 4th Thursdays...	110
661	Beethoven.....	"	"	Rudolf Eckel.....	Morris Gernshelmer	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	126
608	Herder.....	Meserole & Manhattan Av. B'klyn.	Kings	John H. Dunkak...	S. Lambert.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	201
714	Wieland.....	510-512 Willis Ave.	New York	Philip Jaeger.....	J. H. Hittorff.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	290
735	Uhland.....	220 E. 15th St.	"	Louis Laux.....	Bruno Opp.....	2d & 4th Mondays...	152
740	Allemania.....	Masonic Temple, B'klyn	Kings	Henry Thomsen...	Chris Stevers.....	1st & 3d Mondays...	321
748	Lincoln.....	155 E. 58th St.	New York	William Leimer...	Anton Halm.....	1st & 3d Fridays...	231
760	Klopstock.....	Stapleton, S. I.	Richmond	Rudolf Jaeger.....	Erich Fundner...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	108
765	Von Mensch.....	Tyrian Temple, B'klyn	Kings	Bernhard Neubert...	Carl Gatje.....	2d & 4th Mondays...	176
771	Solon.....	Pa. Av. nr. Atlantic	New York	Paul Vollrath.....	Charles Leltz.....	1st & 3d Mondays...	186

Total..... 5,348

JOHN D. STRAHMANN, D. D. G. M.



**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 10.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
17	L'Union Française.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York.	Auguste Calame..	Victore P. Hamel.	1st & 3d Saturdays...	125
373	La Sincérité.....	"	"	Marcos S. Laredo..	E. L. Vandernosten	1st & 3d Saturdays...	91
387	La Fraternidad.....	155 E. 58th St.....	"	Lorenzo Frontalva	Bonifacio Gallo...	2d & 4th Saturdays...	76
410	La Clémentine Amitié Cos.	Masonic Hall.....	"	Ally J. Blais.....	A. Boistler .....	1st & 3d Saturdays...	95
542	Garibaldi.....	"	"	Giovani Serafini...	Dominio Petronio.	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	359
751	La Universal.....	12 Nevins St., Brooklyn.	Kings .....	Antonio Garcia...	Tomas Rodriguez.	1st & 3d Saturdays...	85
786	Italia.....	155 E. 58th St.....	New York.	Aslan Nacciarone.	B. Cantelmo.....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays	362
824	Mazzini.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Pietro Blanchetti.	Mario Corso.....	2d & 4th Saturdays...	143
854	Roma.....	Brooklyn Masonic Hall.	Kings.....	Julian V. Carabba	Saverino Maulella	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	101
857	Frederik.....	230 E. 15th St.....	New York.	George Kirkegaard	A. Ludwigen .....	2d & 4th Fridays .....	71
867	Damascus.....	12 Nevins St., Brooklyn.	Kings .....	George A. Ferris .	K. A. Salih.....	2d & 4th Saturdays...	64
872	Cavour.....	Grand Opera House .....	New York.	Gaetano Ruggiero	G. Spolidoro.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	64
878	Norsemen .....	{ Sanctorum Hall, Court & Union Sts., B'klyn	Kings .....	Peter Benson.....	Edw. J. Evans.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays....	63
880	Bredablick .....	Masonic Hall.....	New York.	Henry Johnson...	P. C. Christensen.	1st, 3d & 5th Saturdays	74
Total.....							1,778

JEAN C. TANTY, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 11.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
66	Richmond .....	Port Richmond.	Richmond ..	Edward P. Doyle.....	Walden M. Braman...	1st & 3d Mondays.....	481
381	Huguenot .....	Tottenville .....	"	George W. Duboise.....	Edwin C. Shea.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	287
471	Tompkins .....	Stapleton .....	"	Peter Coffenberg.....	Leonard W. Jewell...	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	304
701	Beacon Light...	New Brighton ..	"	Edmund Schaefer. ....	W. V. Osborn.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	249
Total.....							1,221

JOSEPH A. FORRESTER, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 12.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
34	Courtlandt.	Peekskill	Westchester.	Harold D. Warhurst.	George E. Briggs.	Every Thursday	260
46	Huguenot	New Rochelle	"	George A. Fisher.	Joseph W. Spaulding.	1st & 3d Fridays	370
180	Westchester	Ossining	"	H. Edwin Brown.	William L. Onyiah	2d & 4th Mondays	213
196	Solomons.	Tarrytown	"	C. Reed Newcomb.	Frank A. Sweet	1st & 3d Thursdays	217
236	Philipsstown.	Cold Spring.	Putnam.	Leslie M. Stevenson.	James E. Bailey.	1st & 3d Thursdays	121
368	Croton.	Brewster.	"	J. Howard Truran	William E. Smith.	Wednesday of full moon & 2d Wednesday after.	186
434	Hawatha.	Mount Vernon.	Westchester.	William L. Chapman.	Harry R. Lowe.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	436
450	Rising Star.	Yonkers	"	Harry L. Twine.	Ernest Longbotham.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	680
473	White Plains.	White Plains.	"	Wm. H. Carpenter, Jr.	Chas. H. Vanderbilt.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	275
555	Diamond.	Dobbs Ferry	"	Arthur H. Polhamus.	Edwin W. Dutcher.	1st & 3d Fridays.	139
653	Mamaro.	Port Chester.	"	Charles W. Stevens.	Joseph S. Provost.	2d & 4th Mondays.	240
702	Marble.	Tuckahoe.	"	Harold D. Bishop.	John A. Riley	1st & 3d Mondays.	104
708	Kisco.	Mount Kisco.	"	George H. Covey.	Edgar Hoyt.	1st & 3d Fridays.	215
736	Nepperhan.	Yonkers	"	Benj. Flitz Gibbon.	David S. Anderson.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	166
800	Apawamis	Mamaroneck.	"	Edgar K. Oriz.	William H. Daniels.	2d & 4th Thursdays	185
844	Radium.	Ossining	"	Percy H. Dowden.	Edwin D. Barrett.	2d & 4th Thursdays	137
859	Collaerth.	Croton-on-Hudson.	"	Otis M. Barker.	James H. Ferris.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	82
863	Dunwoodie.	Yonkers.	"	Joseph L. Abrahams.	William P. Kaiz.	1st, 3d & 5th Wed'nays.	80
865	Jonkheer.	"	"	William H. Ford.	Albert E. Lawrence.	1st Monday	33
866	Winyah.	North Pelham	"	Harry Elliot Coe.	Jacob Arthur Wirth.	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	62
871	John Stewart.	Mount Vernon	"	Ossian Lang.	John D. Caldr.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	63
882	Bryn Mawr.	Yonkers.	"	Frank B. Lasher.	Samuel O. Barnett.	2d & 4th Mondays.	42
Total.....							4,165

WILLIAM H. WEEKS, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 13.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
309	Newburgh...	Newburgh...	Orange...	Fred. G. Buss...	James D. McGiffert...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	408
313	Stony Point...	Haverstraw...	Rockland...	John McNee...	Charles H. Newman...	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays...	198
315	Wawayanda...	Piermont...	"	Ashton S. Boyd...	John C. Alvey...	1st & 3d Fridays...	91
328	Port Jervis...	Port Jervis...	Orange...	Louis C. Senger...	Harry B. Denton...	2d & 4th Fridays...	292
365	Goshen...	Goshen...	"	Charles H. Thompson...	George Mullenix...	1st & 3d Mondays...	157
412	Hoffman...	Middletown...	"	Fred. B. Williams...	Isaac B. A. Taylor...	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	618
544	Warwick...	Warwick...	"	Alpheus M. Holmes...	Joseph M. Benedict...	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	133
589	Ramapo...	Suffern...	Rockland...	Alfred Stevens...	Joseph H. Woods...	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	172
607	Hudson River...	Newburgh...	Orange...	George E. Atwood...	Charles H. Halstead...	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays...	439
627	Walkill...	Walden...	"	William E. Cooper...	Charles E. Holden...	1st & 3d Wednesdays...	177
711	Standard...	Mourne...	"	Ernest F. Eichenberg...	Stacy A. Gaunt...	2d & 4th Mondays...	268
721	Jeru'm Temple...	Cornwall...	"	John J. Lawrence...	John M. Noe...	2d & 4th Thursdays...	77
723	Rockland...	Nyack...	Rockland...	James B. Van Welden...	Edward L. Ballwin...	2d & 4th Wednesdays...	198
839	Athletian...	Spring Valley...	"	Samuel T. Hughes...	Carl H. B. Trumbull...	1st & 3d Fridays...	84
838	Lorillard...	Tuxedo...	Orange...	William A. McClellan...	John J. Strudwick...	1st & 3d Mondays...	91
877	West Point...	Highland Falls...	"	Robert Scott...	Samuel R. Brown...	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays...	40
Total.....							3,378

JAMES D. MCGIFFERT, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 14

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
7	Hudson.	Hudson.	Columbia.	George W. Harris.	William H. Coon.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	255
9	Unity.	Lebanon Springs.	"	Wallace W. Walker.	A. Ross Rider.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	55
32	Warren.	Schulzville.	Dutchess.	William N. White.	L. G. Graham.	{ Thursdays on or be- fore full moon and { second following Sat	67
98	Columbia.	Chatham.	Columbia.	Jerry Browning.	W. Porter Darrow.	1st & 3d Fridays.	161
266	Poughkeepsie.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	Alram F. Relyea.	William H. Krieger.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	880
283	Beacon.	Fishkill Landing.	"	Alva Otis Way.	Watson S. Allen.	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays.	107
335	Widow's Son.	Livingston.	Columbia.	S. F. Avery.	William Elliman.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	89
362	Valatie.	Valatie.	"	Edwin Langford.	Willson Miller.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	76
374	Monumental.	Tivoli.	Dutchess.	George Wood.	Chas. R. Kaye.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	153
432	Rhinebeck.	Rhinebeck.	"	Edwin V. Marquardt.	Lewis B. Barber.	{ Every Friday { Sept. 15 to June 15	136
458	Shokomeko.	Washington Hollow.	"	Fred. A. Leroy.	Harvey J. Halstead.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	116
480	Weobuck.	Millerton.	"	Eibert B. Reed.	Charles L. Hatch.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	79
500	Lindenwald.	Stuyvesant Falls.	Columbia.	Edgar J. Rosman.	Dorr Allen.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	66
612	Hilldale.	Hilldale.	"	F. D. Harvey.	E. D. Hunter.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	95
615	Stirling.	Pine Plains.	Dutchess.	W. E. P. Hewitt.	Harrie Cole.	2d & 4th Fridays.	107
661	Dover.	Dover Plains.	"	Joseph Ryan.	C. O. Benson.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	78
671	Wappingers.	Wappingers Falls.	"	Myatt E. Goring.	Joseph D. Thompson.	1st & 3d Mondays.	88
672	Amenia.	Amenia.	"	Fred. F. Hamm.	H. B. Rundall.	3d & 4th Tuesdays.	108
700	Aquila.	Hudson.	Columbia.	E. H. Davis.	J. P. Berridge.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	301
782	Triune.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	Wm. B. Murdock.	Frank J. Schwartz.	{ 2d & 4th Wed. except { July, Aug. & Dec.	370
827	Harlem Valley.	Pawling.	"	Emery G. Cole.	V. A. Vores.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	108
832	Halcyon.	Millbrook.	"	Fred. J. Tompkins.	Frank W. Hailock.	2d & 4th Mondays.	66
841	Agawamuck.	Pulmonet.	Columbia.	Wm. G. Van de Poel.	Ed. B. Palmer (acting)	3d & 4th Fridays.	75
876	Hendrick Hudson.	Red Hook.	Dutchess.	Robt. V. K. Harris.	Frank E. Burnett.	3d & 4th Wednesdays.	55
Total.							3,091

JOHN M. JAMES, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 16.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
10 Kingston...	Kingston...	Kingston...	Ulster...	Frank B. Seeley...	Frank D. Winne...	Tuesdays...	488
48 Ark...	Corackie...	Corackie...	Greene...	R. H. Van Denburg...	John Q. Hollister...	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays...	180
119 Oasls...	Prattsville...	Prattsville...	"	Claude V. White...	Albert Newcomb...	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	68
193 Ulster...	Saugerties...	Saugerties...	Ulster...	John A. Snyder...	Charles H. Vedder...	Wednesdays...	164
343 Rondout...	Kingston...	Kingston...	"	Louis Beeres...	Munroe Burger...	Mondays...	311
427 Cascade...	Oak Hill...	Oak Hill...	Greene...	Proctor H. Potter...	Page T. Hoagland...	1st & 3d Mondays...	186
468 Catskill...	Catskill...	Catskill...	"	George H. Terns...	Roscoe D. Miller...	Wednesdays...	200
529 Mountain...	Windham...	Windham...	"	H. B. Thompson...	Arthur W. Roach...	Saturdays...	90
557 James M. Austin...	Greenville...	Greenville...	"	John P. Lampman...	George L. Cook...	2d & 4th Mondays...	95
582 Wawarsing...	Ellenville...	Ellenville...	Ulster...	William Carman...	Frank V. Sandford...	Wednesdays...	248
693 Kedemah...	Cairo...	Cairo...	Greene...	George W. Squires...	Jasper M. Allerton...	1st & 3d Saturdays...	84
718 Adonal...	Highland...	Highland...	Ulster...	James W. Feeter...	Byron Clearwater...	2d & 4th Mondays...	142
741 Social Friendship...	New Baltimore...	New Baltimore...	Greene...	Eugene Wolfe...	Byron Mansfield...	1st & 3d Fridays...	59
807 Mt. Tabor...	Hunter...	Hunter...	"	Peter J. Joslyn...	George W. Dunham...	Mondays...	72
<b>Total</b> .....							<b>2,281</b>

**JOHN H. SANFORD, D. D. G. M.**

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 16.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
289	St. Andrew's.	Hobart.	Delaware.	A. Lindsay O'Connor	Hector Stewart.	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays...	124
389	Margaretville.	Margaretville.	"	Charles S. Allen.	C. R. Sanford.	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays...	196
439	Delhi.	Delhi.	"	Hector S. Marvin.	Elbridge L. Hitt.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	220
464	Downsville.	Downsville.	"	Willie M. Hulbert.	Arthur J. Wilson.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	119
521	Callicoon.	Jeffersonville.	Sullivan.	Valentine Schedell.	John H. Glaseel.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	104
532	Monticello.	Monticello.	"	Arthur C. Kyle.	William W. Carpenter	2d & 4th Fridays.	198
552	Hancock.	Hancock.	Delaware.	Walter I. Randall.	William A. Hall.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	163
559	Walton.	Walton.	"	Seymour C. Bush.	Beecher H. Stowe.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	264
561	Delaware.	Callicoon.	Sullivan.	Charles P. Kautz.	James H. Curtis.	1st & 3d Fridays.	116
562	Franklin.	Franklin.	Delaware.	George R. Martin.	David A. Betts.	Every Wednesday.	137
571	Cœur de Lion.	Roxbury.	"	John F. Bouton.	James R. Dart.	Every Tuesday.	184
606	Masonville.	Masonville.	"	Frank E. Teed.	Orrin A. Priest.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	65
791	Livingston Manor.	Livingston Manor.	Sullivan.	Volney R. Voorhies.	C. B. N. Hull.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	149
801	Sidney.	Sidney.	Delaware.	David J. Rew.	C. E. Bird.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	195
816	Mongaup.	Liberty.	Sullivan.	Joseph Rosch.	R. Jay Stewart.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	159
<b>Total.....</b>							<b>2,842</b>

ARTHUR F. BOUTON, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 17.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Masters Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
8	Mount Vernon.	Albany.	Albany.	Elbert L. Kemp.	George Godmark.	1st & 3d Mondays.	298
5	Masters.	"	"	Jesse A. White.	Fredrick W. White.	2d & 4th Mondays.	948
6	St. George's.	Schenectady.	Schenectady.	Marcus E. France.	Hanford Robinson.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	860
18	Apollo.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	Richard L. Lisle.	Edward C. Buchanan.	Every Tuesday.	724
14	Temple.	Albany.	Albany.	George H. Yakel.	Daniel Underhill.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	605
58	Phoenix.	Troy (Lansingburg).	Rensselaer.	Albert M. Bowman.	William Jordan.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	235
75	Evening Star.	Watervliet.	Albany.	David A. Tomlinson.	Daniel Jones.	Every Tuesday.	365
85	Washington.	Albany.	"	Franklin B. Fuld.	Myer C. Jacobs.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	275
87	Schodack Union.	East Schodack.	Rensselaer.	John L. Ederer.	Walter E. Link.	Thursdays on or before full moon.	70
91	King Solomon's Prim.	Troy.	"	George L. Wenzell.	Henry Stowell.	Every Thursday.	694
116	Cohoes.	Cohoes.	Albany.	Andrew Scotland.	Elmer E. Bell.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	377
311	Mount Zion.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	Lester F. Cole.	John A. Wolf.	Every Monday.	508
337	Greenbush.	Rensselaer.	"	Frank L. DeNoyelles.	James W. Adams.	2d & 4th Mondays.	337
355	Jerusalem.	Troy (Lansingburg).	"	Alfred C. Wenzell.	William N. Henning.	1st & 3d Mondays.	238
400	Van Rensselaer.	Hosack Falls.	"	James H. Glenn.	J. Burke Surdam Jr.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	285
417	Wadsworth.	Albany.	Albany.	George C. Hsigen.	William E. Bailey.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	405
452	Ancient City.	"	"	John L. Sturtevant.	George McFarland.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	666
670	Star.	Petersburg.	Rensselaer.	Edward M. Brown.	John H. Moore.	1st & 3d Mondays.	62
674	Gratitude.	Nassau.	"	Edward Rowe.	G. W. Witbeck.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	60
680	Victor.	Schaghticoke.	"	Richard R. Jones.	J. Edwin Pinkham.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	151
684	Berne.	Berne.	Albany.	Austin Shultes.	Watson T. Chesebro.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	68
730	New Hope.	Schenectady.	Schenectady.	Alfred G. Strickrott.	Hurlbert P. Beers.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	506
731	Sunnyvale.	Castleton.	Rensselaer.	Arthur J. Bachman.	Geo. S. Schermerhorn.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	78
737	Guttenberg.	Albany.	Albany.	Charles M. Page.	John A. Lehmann.	1st and 3d Thursdays.	254
754	Noah.	Altamont.	"	Leonard Hill.	Fredrick Keenholz.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	211
804	Oneaquethau.	Coeymans.	"	Le Roy D. Sherman.	W. Curtiss Carroll.	1st & 3d Mondays.	69
831	James Ten Eyck.	Albany.	"	Howard Watson.	L. C. Vanderheyden.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	275
850	Russell.	Ravena.	"	Wm. V. Roberts.	Elmer L. Bishop.	2d & 4th Mondays.	120
862	Charles W. Mead.	Schenectady.	Schenectady.	Samuel D. Ashley.	M. A. Atuesta.	2d & 4th Mondays.	163

Total..... 9,182

SAMUEL S. FORSTER, D. D. &amp; M.



## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 18.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
138	Otego.	Cooperstown.	Otego	Frank M. Hotaling.	Covell S. Derrick.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	236
162	Schuyler's Lake.	Schuyler's Lake.	"	Isaac J. Kent.	Merton J. Clarke.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	81
282	Otego Union.	Otego.	"	Ray E. Van Cise.	Jerome Ceperley.	1st & 3d Fridays.	98
324	Freedom.	Unadilla.	"	George N. Griswold.	Fred N. Parsons.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	149
334	Cherry Valley.	Cherry Valley.	"	Isaac E. Cole.	Benjamin Wightman.	2d & 4th Mondays.	97
363	Evergreen.	Springfield Center.	"	Edward Shultz.	Edward M. Fethers.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	131
394	Cobleskill.	Cobleskill.	Schoharie.	William W. Harbison.	Henry Bellinger.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	176
466	Oneonta.	Oneonta.	Otego	Fred. M. H. Jackson.	Charles E. Hills.	1st & 3d Mondays.	392
482	Richfield Springs.	Richfield Springs.	"	William A. Wikoff.	L. H. Craft.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	142
491	Schoharie Valley.	Schoharie.	Schoharie.	J. Wallace Marsh.	Henry F. Kingsley.	1st & 3d Fridays.	153
515	Butternuts.	Gilbertsville.	Otego	Francis M. Walker.	John L. Hollis.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	95
548	Laurens.	Laurens.	"	William F. Newell.	David S. Peet.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	51
553	Farmers'.	Edmeston.	"	Ferris W. Terry.	F. H. Gates.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	88
554	Working.	Jefferson.	Schoharie.	Wilder S. Baird.	Fred. H. Foote.	Every Friday.	89
592	Schenervus Valley.	Schenervus.	Otego	Revo Tillapaugh.	Oscar F. Lane.	Every Sat., Dec. 1st 10 Apr. 1st, 1st & 3d Sats., Apr. to Dec. 1st.	188
605	Tienuderrah.	Morris.	"	Dwight F. Wightman.	John W. Shaw, Jr.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	104
624	Sharon Springs.	Sharon Springs.	Schoharie.	Claude Davenport.	J. Franklin Freeborn.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	82
630	Gilboa.	Gilboa.	"	Edward W. Brown.	Edgar Jackson.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	83
663	Middleburgh.	Middleburgh.	"	George A. Hill.	Tiffany W. Neville.	2d & 4th Fridays.	152
Total.							2,592

H. GREELEY BROWN, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 19.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
4	St. Patrick's.	Johnstown.	Fulton.	Alfred D. Dennison.	Eugene Moore.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	178
40	Olive Branch.	Frankfort.	Herkimer.	Joseph Steckel.	Charles A. Russell.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	178
79	Hamilton.	Canajoharie.	Montgomery.	George H. Tilton.	C. Sticht.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	106
84	Artisan.	Amsterdam.	Montgomery.	Charles W. Clark.	Charles E. Henderson.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	322
181	Little Falls.	Little Falls.	Herkimer.	John Leon.	Calvin E. Klock.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	247
276	Mohawk Valley.	Mohawk.	Herkimer.	Fred N. Graves.	Charles M. Deffendorf.	2d & 4th Fridays.	177
298	Fish House.	Northville.	Fulton.	Edward D. Call.	Hiram J. Allen.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	137
300	Garoga.	Ephratah.	Fulton.	Edgar Shibley.	Edgar Shibley.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	17
423	Herkimer.	Herkimer.	Herkimer.	Jerry E. Strayer.	John R. Bliss.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	268
429	Gloversville.	Gloversville.	Fulton.	Andrew J. Gabeler.	James A. Robertson.	1st & 3d Mondays.	348
433	Fort Plain.	Fort Plain.	Montgomery.	William Dillenback.	Charles G. Zielley.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	278
455	Newport.	Newport.	Herkimer.	Frank D. Fox.	Wolcott G. Farmer.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	237
531	Fultonville.	Fultonville.	Montgomery.	Webb H. Edwards.	Walter B. Cross.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	157
581	Winfield.	West Winfield.	Herkimer.	Floyd Hurlbut.	A. J. Rose.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	103
581	Ilion.	Ilion.	Herkimer.	Floyd A. Claydon.	Fred. I. Grimshaw.	1st & 3d Mondays.	371
598	Kennett.	Broadalbin.	Fulton.	Clark Harris.	J. H. Truseell.	1st & 4th Wednesdays.	48
611	St. Johnsville.	St. Johnsville.	Montgomery.	Julius Fred Smith.	William Wilesey.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	184
796	Dolgeville.	Dolgeville.	Herkimer.	Edwin H. White.	Robert G. Jones.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	166
829	Welcome.	Amsterdam.	Montgomery.	Henry Ostrom Wilkie.	Edward H. Parkis.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	236
849	North Woods.	Old Forge.	Herkimer.	James C. Pullman.	Wm. F. Winterbotham.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	101

Total..... 3,859

ANSON GETMAN, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 20.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
55	Granville.....	Granville.....	Washington	Harry R. Butt'rfield	John H. Pember.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	146
96	Phœnix.....	Whitehall.....	"	Emmett J. Gray ..	Hermon E. Sullivan ..	Tuesdays.....	216
260	Mt. Hope.....	Fort Ann.....	"	Frank L. Gillett...	John W. Gillett.....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.....	67
267	Fort Edward.....	Fort Edward.....	"	Irving C. Fort, Jr.	David H. King.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	171
372	Sandy Hill.....	Hudson Falls.....	"	A. D. Stickney.....	P. H. Wilcox.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	209
381	Salem.....	Salem.....	"	Charles S. Hanna..	Frank A. Hill.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	68
491	Cambridge Valley.....	Cambridge.....	"	Harry S. Hoard ..	Frank Richardson...	2d & 4th Mondays.....	188
508	Herschel.....	Hartford.....	"	T. D. Towneend...	David R. Beecher.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	118
567	Argyle.....	Argyle.....	"	Charles Clough...	William F. Cowen.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	55
584	Ashlar.....	Greenwich.....	"	Arthur H. Wilcox.	Joseph R. Miller.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	158
Total.....							1,886

GEORGE M. STILLMAN, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 21.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masonic, Dec. 31, 1910.
22	St. John's.....	Greenfield Center.....	Saratoga.....	J. Finley Work.....	Clayton T. King.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	112
30	Franklin.....	Bail-ton Spa.....	".....	Milton W. Rood.....	Robert C. Pierson.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	165
103	Rising Sun.....	Saratoga Springs.....	".....	Wm. W. G. Lansing A. H. Cushing.....	A. H. Cushing.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	279
121	Glens Falls.....	Glens Falls.....	Warren.....	Wm. E. Lawrence.....	Elmer E. Smith.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	262
140	Clinton.....	Waterford.....	Saratoga.....	Harry R. Welch.....	William G. German.....	Alternate Thursdays.....	193
398	Home.....	Northumberland.....	".....	William Dunston.....	James A. Fike.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	95
425	Warrensburg.....	Warrensburg.....	Warren.....	Wm. F. Wilkinson.....	George R. Haskell.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	253
456	Senate.....	Glens Falls.....	".....	Charles H. Hamilton.....	James S. Garrett.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	355
497	Glendale.....	Pottersville.....	".....	James T. Mills.....	Samuel D. Smith.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	138
504	Montgomery.....	Stillwater.....	Saratoga.....	Frank T. Moore.....	John P. Haskins.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	102
676	Schuyler.....	Schuylerville.....	".....	William N. Cromie.....	William S. Wilcox.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	105
820	On-da-wa.....	Mechanicville.....	".....	Alvoord C. Devoe.....	Newton T. Bryan.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	237
845	Gansevoort.....	Gansevoort.....	".....	Edw. Vanderwerker.....	David Freeberr.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	57
Total.....							2,353

WILLIAM F. WILKINSON, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 22.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
142	Morning Sun....	Port Henry....	Essex....	Chas. F. Ringer....	Carlton J. Harris....	1st & 3d Tuesdays....	166
149	Anasable River...	Keeseeville....	Essex....	William M. Palmer....	George N. M. Brewer..	1st & 3d Thursdays...	86
155	Clinton....	Plattsburgh....	Clinton....	Glen C. Merrilow....	Harry A. Thomas....	1st & 3d Tuesdays...	179
237	Champlain....	Champlain....	Clinton....	F. M. Strickland....	A. B. Spellman....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	102
239	Slaco....	Westport....	Essex....	William S. White....	James L. Roberts....	1st & 3d Tuesdays....	47
505	Northern Light...	West Chazy....	Clinton....	Frank W. Terrill....	Henry F. Pease....	1st & 3d Fridays....	61
572	Mount Hermon...	Ellenburgh....	Clinton....	Clarence Caslman....	Walter C. Bennett....	2d & 4th Thursdays...	101
602	Adirondack....	Elizabethtown...	Essex....	John J. Deming....	Arthur E. Coonrod....	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	124
707	Mount Horeb....	Moorea....	Clinton....	John C. Bosworth....	Charles Curtis, Jr....	1st & 3d Tuesdays....	48
715	Iroquois....	Essex....	Essex....	Albert B. Smith....	E. L. Mason....	1st & 3d Tuesdays....	76
772	Rescue....	Crown Point....	Essex....	A. W. Roscorla....	George D. Gage....	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	117
790	Tadawus....	Anasable Forks...	Clinton....	Halsey K. Graves....	David B. Lynes....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	147
794	Mount Defiance...	Ticonderoga....	Essex....	Mortimer V. Drake....	George B. Bryan....	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	141
838	Plattsburgh....	Plattsburgh....	Clinton....	Ward B. Inglesbee...	Stewart J. Frazier....	2d & 4th Tuesdays...	183
834	Lake Placid....	Lake Placid....	Essex....	Phil E. Lewis....	John H. Mooney....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	124
Total.....							1,667

JAMES M. ATWOOD, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 23.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
111	St. Lawrence.	Canton.....	St.	Lawrence Charles W. Lewis.....	George W. Dunn.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	188
128	Ogdensburg.....	Ogdensburg.....	"	S. Henry Hoskins.....	A. D. Coruwell.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	234
213	Racket River.....	Potsdam.....	"	Archie E. Sutherland.....	S. Augustus Redway.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	258
217	Gouverneur.....	Gouverneur.....	"	Joseph V. Baker.....	William Palmer.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	307
319	Black Lake.....	Morristown.....	"	Murray N. Donald.....	R. W. McAuliff.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	92
333	Waddington.....	Waddington.....	"	Clinton H. Thompson.....	J. E. McKee.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	38
385	Amber.....	Parishville.....	"	Charles R. Holden.....	Henry L. Daggett*.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	98
428	High Falls.....	Colton.....	"	Ernest H. Reynolds.....	E. E. Bullis.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	106
477	Wildwood.....	Edwards.....	"	Frank W. Payne.....	Henry J. Grant.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	80
499	Deer River.....	North Lawrence.....	"	L. L. Dewey.....	F. W. Crocker.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	29
500	Hermion.....	Hermion.....	"	G. J. Shattuck.....	W. W. Matteson.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	123
513	Massena.....	Massena.....	"	Herbert J. Lyle.....	A. G. Glibbony.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	135
541	Brasher.....	Brasher Falls.....	"	Amos A. Baldwin.....	William H. Capell.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	55
566	Russell.....	Russell.....	"	Elbert J. Weston.....	R. A. Guyolt.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	110
573	De Peyster.....	De Peyster.....	"	Clinton E. Giffin.....	Thad. P. Day.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	157
577	Elk.....	Nicholville.....	"	Edwin E. Chambers.....	George C. Munson.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	93
633	Richville.....	Richville.....	"	Judson H. Lalone.....	John C. Spooner.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	79
687	Oswegatchie.....	Fine.....	"	Morris Titus.....	Henry H. Vebber.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	120
689	What Cheer.....	Norwood.....	"	Frank L. Smith.....	Hollis W. Martin.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	161
705	Acadian.....	Ogdensburg.....	"	Erwin S. Miller.....	Harvey H. Wood.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	208
749	Fellowship.....	Rensselaer Falls.....	"	William S. Bagley.....	Leri C. Coy.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	78
861	Hammond.....	Hammond.....	"	Wesley Backus.....	John H. Dodds.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	39

2,788

Total.....

\* Died April 10, 1911. Vacancy not yet filled.

WELBY W. HAILE, D. D. G. M.

**MASSONIC DISTRICT, No. 24.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masson, Dec. 31, 1910.
49	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Jefferson	Frank Wenzel.....	Elmer E. Worthen....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	528
53	Brownville.....	Brownville.....	"	Albert J. Fowler.....	William J. Linnell....	} Tuesday of week of full moon and two weeks thereafter. }	198
134	Lowville.....	Lowville.....	Lewis	Fred. C. Bradt.....	Albert C. Burdick....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	269
135	Sackets Harbor..	Sackets Harbor..	Jefferson	John M. Bodine.....	George E. Butterfield..	2d & 4th Mondays.....	161
158	Carthage.....	Carthage.....	"	Herbert E. Phelps....	William W. Sweet.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	224
171	Lafargeville.....	Lafargeville.....	"	Frank N. Hoyt.....	Lloyd C. Strough.....	} Monday of week of full moon and two weeks thereafter. }	86
172	Chaumont.....	Chaumont.....	"	Hector Adams.....	Harry L. Vincent.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	150
174	Theresa.....	Theresa.....	"	Agar J. Jarvis.....	Allen C. Strough.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	77
184	Turin.....	Turin.....	Lewis	L. T. Strong.....	George H. Seaver.....	{ April 1st to Oct. 1st, first and third Saturdays, bal- ance of yr. every Sat. night }	133
226	Antwerp.....	Antwerp.....	Jefferson	Charles C. Johnson....	Elbert C. Hunt.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	202
234	Rising Sun.....	Adams.....	"	Eldon D. Scheff.....	Amos E. Wood.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	212
238	Orient.....	Copenhagen.....	Lewis	Warren C. Brown.....	John E. Allen.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	176
243	Cape Vincent.....	Cape Vincent.....	Jefferson	George A. Potter.....	H. Roy Allen.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	118
246	Clayton.....	Clayton.....	"	Charles Wilbur.....	Emmett C. Dygerl.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	203
287	Alexandria.....	Alex. Bay.....	"	Nathaniel J. Leonard..	Charles J. Estes.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	176
506	Rodman.....	Rodman.....	"	Gary M. Vrooman.....	Brayton L. Cooley.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	99
637	Rising Light.....	Belleville.....	"	H. Edward Machold....	W. L. Matteson.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	194
689	Port Leyden.....	Port Leyden.....	Lewis	Geo. M. B. Williams....	Rollin L. Harris.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	85
698	Depauville.....	Depauville.....	Jefferson	Abner McOmber.....	Henry Heyl.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	110
720	Pleasant.....	Evans Mills.....	"	Edwin G. Rogers.....	Oren S. Pickard.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	88
821	Bethany.....	Black River.....	"	P. M. Feistel.....	F. B. Trenham.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	96
<b>Total.....</b>							<b>3,580</b>

J. STERLING BILL, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 25.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
127	Oswego	Oswego	Oswego.	William P. Burr	Charles E. Kennedy	Every Tuesday	423
136	Mexico	Mexico	"	Henry D. Harris	Roderick A. Orvis	1st & 3d Mondays	226
144	Hiram	Fulton	"	Charles A. Gilkey	Frank W. Richardson	1st & 3d Tuesdays	261
325	Republican	Parish	"	Harmon A. Landgraf	Burr J. Morgan	1st & 3d Tuesdays	128
369	Callimachus	Phoenix	"	Emmett R. Sweet	Charles W. Richards	1st & 3d Wednesdays	103
414	Scriba	Constantia	"	Eugene A. Marcellus	Leonard Marcellus	1st & 3d Fridays	94
415	Pulaski	Pulaski	"	Minor J. Terry	Ransom E. Trumbull	1st & 3d Wednesdays	235
422	Frontier City	Oswego	"	Irving G. Meyer	George Consalus	Every Friday	232
550	Hannibal	Hannibal	"	Walter C. Matteson	James R. Chamberlain	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	133
564	Sandy Creek	Sandy Creek	"	Ralph W. Shaul	H. Louis Wallace	2d & 4th Fridays	107
613	Cleveland	Cleveland	"	Frank Barry	Albert B. Cadd	1st & 3d Fridays	91
622	Central Square	Central Square	"	David Clement	Louis H. Traub	1st & 3d Thursdays	86
650	Amboy	Williamstown	"	Jay B. Cole	W. D. Rosa	1st & 3d Thursdays	70
679	Eolian	Oswego	"	George W. Butterworth	Harry M. Stacy	Every Thursday	149
Total.....							2,927

EZRA A. BARNES, D. D. G. M.



## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 26.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
15	Western Star	Bridgewater	Oneida	Grant E. Pughe	Jay B. Rogers	1st & 3d Thursdays	125
47	Utica	Utica	"	Frederick E. Lewis	E. A. Gayde	2d & 4th Mondays	498
129	Sanger	Waterville	"	W. Franklin Suters	Nelie S. Clarke	2d & 4th Wednesdays	184
150	Sanquoit	Sanquoit	"	Edward F. Savage	Leonard W. Gardner	2d & 4th Saturdays	106
164	Philanthropic	Camden	"	John C. Davies	Rosell A. Magee	1st & 3d Wednesdays	160
165	Boonville	Boonville	"	L. Gilbert Sawyer	Charles N. Jenke	1st & 3d Fridays	148
169	Clinton	Clinton	"	Percy L. Wright	Edwin M. Tournay	1st & 3d Mondays	149
223	Roman	Rome	"	Charles J. Spriggs	George H. Kingsley	1st & 3d Tuesdays	277
224	Oriental	Utica	"	Charles H. Ballou	Clarence Stetson	2d & 4th Tuesdays	625
264	Baron Steuben	Lee Center	"	Charles E. Clark	Harmon Van Arnam	2d & 4th Wednesdays	138
347	Hampson	Westmoreland	"	Nathan F. Graves	G. M. Flower	1st & 3d Saturdays	116
420	New London	New London	"	John H. Lauther	George M. Edel	1st & 3d Fridays	90
440	Vienna	Vienna	"	C. E. Raut	John H. Meays	1st & 3d Tuesdays	90
664	Amicable	Washington Mills	"	Emile Scherer	William H. Davies	1st & 3d Fridays	114
677	Ramsen	Barneveld	"	William R. Pritchard	C. B. Watkins	2d & 4th Fridays	194
697	Faxon	Utica	"	William A. Semple	John E. Peters	1st & 3d Mondays	406
799	Oriskany	Oriskany	"	E. H. Salisbury	A. E. Gifford	1st & 3d Saturdays	114
809	Uriel	Forestport	"	Harvey W. Boyce	John H. Nerjer	1st & 3d Mondays	89
814	Sconondos	Vernon	"	Thomas Bromley	G. Lynn Marriott	1st & 3d Tuesdays	115
869	Hatheway	Rome	"	E. Stuart Williams	Robert M. Fraser	1st & 3d Fridays	60
Total.....							3,708

J. SOLEY COLE, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 27.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
93	Military	Manlius	Onondaga	Moses M. Robinson	B. W. Sutherland	1st & 3d Mondays	104
120	Hamilton	Hamilton	Madison	Herbert C. Williamson	Wm. A. St. John	2d & 4th Mondays	266
148	Sullivan	Chittenango	"	Gilbert H. Harris	Amer D. Hatch	1st & 3d Wednesdays	96
160	Seneca River	Baldwinsville	Onondaga	Harvey F. Hawley	Jas. F. Williams	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	264
231	Canastota	Canastota	Madison	Hazzard Hall Robinson	Earle C. Brown	2d & 4th Wednesdays	146
256	Fort Brewerton	Brewerton	Onondaga	Lewis Fancher	Fred'k Platto, Sr.	1st & 3d Wednesdays	133
270	Onelda	Onelda	Madison	Robt. H. De Witt	Henry Skinner	1st & 3d Thursdays	224
305	Central City	Syracuse	Onondaga	Leon D. Dexter	Howard E. Plasted	Every Tuesday	224
332	Homer	Homer	Cortland	Lewis M. Austin	John H. Van Hoesen	2d & 4th Mondays	983
386	Jordan	Jordan	Onondaga	Clayton E. Spire	Arthur Bradt	1st & 3d Mondays	139
438	Marathon	Marathon	Cortland	Ira L. Corwin	Addison L. Slate	1st & 3d Mondays	176
470	Cortlandville	Cortland	"	Thomas K. Norris	Chas. H. Jones	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	118
501	Syracuse	Syracuse	Onondaga	Horace G. Stone	Herbert W. Greenland	Every Thursday	331
520	Salt Springs	"	"	Lawrence Thompson	Frank M. Dickinson	Every Monday	840
522	Skaneateles	Skaneateles	"	Fred J. Humphreys	A. J. Allen	1st & 3d Wednesdays	531
524	Morning Star	Marcellus	"	Fred T. Schoonmaker	John R. Malcolm	1st & 3d Mondays	140
525	Liverpool	Liverpool	"	E. V. Aiken	Mandford D. Green	Every Monday	104
578	Fayetteville	Fayetteville	"	Goburn Badgley	E. Eastman	1st & 3d Tuesdays	109
616	Cazenovia	Cazenovia	Madison	Harry V. Raudall	H. M. Munger	1st & 3d Fridays	128
648	Centerville	North Syracuse	Onondaga	Allen G. Tripp	Elieha H. Curtiss	Every Saturday	162
658	Morrisville	Morrisville	Madison	Dellis E. Cole	Fred S. Harwood	1st & 3d Tuesdays	114
692	De Ruyter	De Ruyter	"	James E. Andrews	A. W. Francis	1st & 3d Saturdays	162
706	Cincinnatus	Cincinnatus	Cortland	J. Marvin Lotridge	Oscar E. Nichols	1st & 3d Wednesdays	64
726	Cautious	Georgetown	Madison	B. Fred Saunders	David B. Uter	2d & 4th Fridays	77
768	Sapphire	Camillus	Onondaga	Maurice A. Stanton	Wm. B. Bucklin	Every Thursday	190
802	Onondaga	East Syracuse	"	Ray C. Smith	Dana Conklin	Every Thursday	166
804	Mount Sinai	Syracuse	"	Isaac Schwarz	Gerson Reubinstein	Every Wednesday	96

Total..... 6,090

ALBERT A. KEESLER, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 28.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
82	Phœbus .....	New Berlin.....	Chenango..	Arthur W. Morse.....	John L. Fuller.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	135
126	Eastern Light.....	Greene .....	Chenango..	Raymond E. Elliott.....	Robert J. Gross.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	197
167	Susquehanna .....	Bainbridge.....	Chenango..	Hugh E. Collins.....	Sidney R. Bennett.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	148
175	Oxford .....	Oxford .....	Chenango..	Edwin B. Flagg.....	L. Augustus Knott.....	2d & 4th Mondays .....	163
177	Binghamton .....	Binghamton .....	Broome....	Walter H. Whitlock.....	Jerome F. Peck.....	Wednesdays.....	790
302	Norwich .....	Norwich .....	Chenango..	Charles H. Hunt.....	John H. Smith.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays .....	328
360	Afton.....	Afton.....	Chenango..	William A. Collar.....	H. D. Slusser.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays .....	163
388	Upper Lisie.....	Upper Lisie.....	Broome....	Clarence O. Fuller.....	Martin Sherwood.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	37
396	Deposit.....	Deposit.....	Broome....	Frank Kerr.....	Clarence M. Crookston.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	203
399	Malne .....	Malne .....	Broome....	Fred. M. Rockwell.....	Judson H. Riley.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	53
435	Otseningo .....	Binghamton .....	Broome....	Gilbert E. Rodgers.....	David M. Johnson.....	Thursdays.....	714
442	Windsor .....	Windsor .....	Broome....	George P. Cresson.....	W. A. Gadow.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	83
444	Sherburne.....	Sherburne .....	Chenango..	Chancellor D. Brooks.....	W. M. Willets.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	138
533	Round Hill.....	Union .....	Broome....	Fred A. Brainard .....	George S. Hooper.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	174
597	Western Light.....	Lisie.....	Broome....	H. D. French.....	F. O. Willis.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays .....	84
659	South Otselic.....	South Otselic.....	Chenango..	Carol E. Davis.....	Ira Goodsell.....	Oct. 1 to April 1, Tues- days; April 1 to Oct. 1	77
795	Whitney's Point.....	Whitney's Point.....	Broome....	Harry D. Burghardt.....	Fred. E. Walter.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	105
Total.....							3,543

WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 29.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
98	Union.....	Elmira.....	Chemung..	George Vockroth.....	James C. Cartledge.....	1st & 3d Tuesday evee.....	535
131	Myrtle.....	Montour Falls.....	Schuylcr..	Edwin L. Cramer.....	George M. Lee.....	1st & 3d Friday evee.....	147
153	Friendship.....	Owego.....	Tioga.....	George M. Decker.....	E. Burt Cornell.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	296
253	Old Oak.....	Millport.....	Chemung..	Charles H. Ostrander.....	T. V. Ostrander.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	76
280	Spencer.....	Spencer.....	Tioga.....	Henry L. Emmons.....	J. R. Hart.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	58
332	Jefferson.....	Watkins.....	Schuylcr..	C. Edward Hammer.....	George W. Miller.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	200
383	Westbrook.....	Nichols.....	Tioga.....	Joseph Olmstead.....	Judd C. Lane.....	{ Wednesday evening, on { or before full moon.. {	122
380	Chemung Valley.....	Chemung.....	Chemung..	Morgan S. Joslin.....	George M. Straitor.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	105
384	Horseheads.....	Horseheads.....	Chemung..	Thomas R. Hibbard.....	William U. Phillips.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	208
378	Big Flats.....	Big Flats.....	Chemung..	Amanulet Rhinehart.....	Charles M. Volght.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	77
387	Ivy.....	Elmira.....	Chemung..	James D. Ayers.....	Charles J. Howe.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	600
407	Waverly.....	Waverly.....	Tioga.....	Isaac S. Tilton.....	Harry A. Ellis.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	263
411	Candor.....	Candor.....	Tioga.....	Charles J. Hoyt.....	Charles F. Fiebig.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	98
483	Lamoka.....	Tyrone.....	Schuylcr..	Edgar Sanford.....	Lewis Beach.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	55
534	Tioga.....	Smithboro.....	Tioga.....	Isaac R. Wheeler.....	W. L. Bellis.....	Tuesday before full moon..	58
537	Ahwaaga.....	Owego.....	Tioga.....	George L. Adams.....	C. W. Steevens.....	1st & 3d Tues. after 1st Mon..	109
614	Newark Valley.....	Newark Valley.....	Tioga.....	Floyd A. Pritchard.....	F. W. Barber.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	141
725	Southern Light.....	Breesport.....	Chemung..	George Earl.....	John M. Van Gorden.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	101
775	Mount Lebanon.....	Van Etten.....	Chemung..	Frank J. Paul.....	Martin Wood.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	68
Total.....							3,917

WILLIAM M. UFFORD, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 30.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
41	Sylvan	Moravia	Cayuga	Volney Odell	Manville E. Kenyon	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	229
51	Fidelity	Ithaca	Tompkins	James L. Murphy	Willard B. Georgia	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	342
110	Scipio	Aurora	Cayuga	Henry Morgan	Walter A. Bertlett	1st & 3d Mondays	63
124	St. Paul's	Auburn	Cayuga	George M. McCarthy	Augustus C. Haefner	1st & 4th Fridays	566
130	Port Byron	Fort Byron	Cayuga	E. L. Moore	E. F. Siles	1st & 3d Wednesdays	111
141	Cato	Cato	Cayuga	William H. Van Dusen	Corry S. Dutton	1st & 3d Thursdays	126
147	Warren	Union Springs	Cayuga	William C. Mersereau	Earl B. Johnson	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	90
157	Trumansburg	Trumansburg	Tompkins	George W. Tompkins	W. J. Campbell	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	155
176	Montezuma	Montezuma	Cayuga	Samuel Ball	Lewis A. Jaura	1st & 3d Saturdays	43
221	Cayuga	Scipio Centre	Cayuga	Bert E. Waites	Chas. A. Morgan	1st & 3d Wednesdays	90
265	Speedsville	Speedsville	Tompkins	Wm. W. Ford	James B. Darmody	2d & 4th Tuesdays	27
326	Salem Town	Cayuga	Cayuga	Geo. E. Whitcomb	Geo. C. Trusdell	2d & 4th Saturdays	72
385	Weedsport	Weedsport	Cayuga	Edward C. Fuller	Frank J. Hudson	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	164
421	Genoa	King Ferry	Cayuga	Glen W. King	W. W. Atwater	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays	70
431	Auburn	Auburn	Cayuga	Geo. S. Bailey	J. N. Starnes	1st, 2d, 3d & 4th Wednesdays	523
472	Dryden	Dryden	Tompkins	Max D. Graham	Daniel E. Bower	2d & 4th Wednesdays	93
496	Groton	Groton	Tompkins	Laurence J. Conger	Elisha Field	2d & 4th Thursdays	103
681	Caroline	Statenville Sp'gs	Tompkins	John B. Middaugh	Benj. J. Sli-pee	2d & 4th Saturdays	86
716	Hobasco	Ithaca	Tompkins	Moses J. Watkins	Orange P. Hyde	2d & 4th Thursdays	358
774	Lansing	North Lansing	Tompkins	Stanley W. Underwood	Charles Lobdell	2d & 4th Fridays	83
784	King Hiram	Newfield	Tompkins	George Gardner	Chas. McDaniels	1st & 3d Fridays	70
Total							3,466

FRANK B. DAVIS, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 31.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
33 Ark	.....	Geneva.....	Ontario.....	Ellis A. Griffith.....	Charles A. Dewey.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	312
108 Mfo.	.....	Penn Yan.....	Yates.....	Harry O. Bennett.....	Walter A. Carr.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	200
113 Seneca.	.....	Waterloo.....	Seneca.....	Wilbur E. Schatt.....	Charles H. Ross.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	190
114 Union	.....	Ovid.....	Seneca.....	Morrison E. Brown.....	Jens Neilsen.....	Alternate Tues. from Apr. 1.	196
123 Dundee.	.....	Dundee.....	Yates.....	Roy R. Roberts.....	E. Vreeland.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	118
139 Minn.	.....	Victor.....	Ontario.....	David H. O'borne.....	Henry C. Parmele.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	96
183 Farmerville	.....	Interlaken.....	Seneca.....	John B. Moore.....	Emmett C. Grant.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	125
200 Sincerity	.....	Phelps.....	Ontario.....	George W. Sallsbury.....	G. H. Howell.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	201
211 Pocahontas.	.....	Seneca Falls.....	Seneca.....	F. Tracy Wells.....	Samuel Kibbey.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	259
294 Canandaigua.	.....	Canandaigua.....	Ontario.....	E. Raymond Church.....	Charles T. Mitchell.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	307
308 Seneca Lake.	.....	Dresden.....	Yates.....	Charles Ray Johnston.....	Roy E. Swarthout.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	87
345 Lodi.....	.....	Lodi.....	Seneca.....	Charles S. Close.....	George E. Gullick.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	78
377 Rushville.	.....	Rushville.....	Yates.....	Ira M. Randall.....	B. G. Clark.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	97
539 Fayette	.....	Fayette.....	Seneca.....	Albert J. Kreutter.....	George L. Hood.....	Alternate Saturdays.....	82
619 Eagle.....	.....	Honeoye.....	Ontario.....	Truman S. Stevens.....	Chas. W. Howcroft, Jr.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	86
815 John Hodge	.....	Naples.....	Ontario.....	Edward Coleman.....	James H. Huntington.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	105

Total..... 2,519

ELIAS B. VAN ARSDALE, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 32.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
83	Newark.....	Newark.....	Wayne.	Jared A. Reed.....	Leonard G. Baldwin....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	350
159	Pultneyville.....	Williamson.....	"	Thomas West.....	William Pound.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	83
248	Palmyra.....	Palmyra.....	"	George A. Tuttle.....	Alfred C. Hopkins....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	248
254	Walworth.....	Walworth.....	"	Richard B. McOmber..	George A. Patterson....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	107
341	Clyde.....	Clyde.....	"	Czar E. Zeluff.....	J. E. McGinnis.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	120
392	Sodus.....	Sodus.....	"	Charles Sager.....	C. C. Field.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays....	180
406	Humanity.....	Lyons.....	"	Charles F. Zimmerlin..	William B. Young.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	217
416	Wayne.....	Ontario.....	"	Walter J. Mepham....	Floyd L. Risley.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	99
560	Wolcott.....	Wolcott.....	"	Raymond B. Gurley....	George G. Salsbury....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.....	135
590	Rose.....	Rose.....	"	Cassius M. Clapp.....	John C. Langford.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	79
665	Macedon.....	Macedon.....	"	Lewis F. Allen.....	William A. Stevenson..	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	107
764	Savannah.....	Savannah.....	"	David B. Reamer.....	Willet R. Wiles.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	101
Total.....							1,826

GEORGE W. ROE, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 33.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
45	Union	Lima	Livingston.	Charles D. Goodrich	H. Allan Sylvester	2d Wednesday	85
109	Valley	Rochester	Monroe	Alfred C. Gunkler	John B. Mullan	1st & 3d Mondays	929
115	Phoenix	Danville	Livingston.	Peter W. Kichner	Henry B. McNair	1st & 3d Tuesdays	170
122	Mount Morris	Mount Morris	"	Edward W. Creveling	A. Watson	1st & 3d Mondays	190
154	Penfield Union	Penfield	Monroe	Horace B. Warner	Curran M. Malery	1st & 3d Tuesdays	101
163	Yonondlo	Rochester	"	William L. Stolz	C. H. Carson	1st & 3d Tuesdays	1,277
173	Monroe	Rochester	"	Adin D. Christwell	George Benson	2d & 4th Tuesdays	290
214	Genesee	Genesee	Livingston.	T. Wallace Landon	Charles F. Austin	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays	156
299	Keshequa	Nunda	"	Albert A. Conrad	William Baylor	1st & 3d Thursdays	74
320	Union Star	Honey Falls	Monroe	William L. Palmer	D. H. Allen	1st Wednesday	120
426	Northfield	Pittsford	"	Thomas J. Heaver	Wm. L. Malchow	1st & 3d Thursdays	89
476	Fairport	Fairport	"	Samuel O. Hart	James L. Cornish	2d & 4th Mondays	134
479	Etolan	Spencerport	"	Alex. G. Colby	William M. Clark	Every Saturday	144
507	Genesee Falls	Rochester	"	Harry G. Rice	Fred. M. Young	1st & 3d Thursdays	1,396
526	Henrietta	West Henrietta	"	S. Walter McNeil	T. H. Robbins	1st & 3d Saturdays	144
538	Webster	Webster	"	W. W. Rayfield	N. Abbott O'Dell	1st & 3d Thursdays	161
570	Avon Springs	Avon	Livingston	Orrin T. Williams	Wm. H. Farum	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays	127
660	Rochester	Rochester	Monroe	Elmer A. Marsh	Thomas R. Pesbline	2d & 4th Mondays	765
667	Churchville	Churchville	"	Charles G. Stewart	William R. Young	1st & 3d Fridays	94
682	Nunda Station	Dalton	Livingston	F. S. Willett	F. W. Ryan	1st & 3d Tuesdays	71
722	Germania	Rochester	Monroe	Carl A. Weidner	William H. Hale	2d & 4th Wednesdays	310
759	Oatka	Scottsville	"	E. Howard Francis	Robert B. Cox	1st & 3d Wednesdays	82
778	Livonia	Livonia	Livingston	Edison A. Clapp	Edward C. Ganung	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	143
779	Cllo	Hilton	Monroe	W. H. Wood	Thomas Skothard	1st & 3d Tuesdays	150
797	Frank R. Lawrence	Rochester	"	Frank K. Woodworth	Alfred H. S. Swan	2d Monday	118
805	Corinthian Temple	Rochester	"	Mortimer H. Miller	Joseph M. Acker	1st & 3d Mondays	493
830	Ennice	Caledonia	Livingston	Charles Menzie	C. C. McVean	1st & 3d Thursdays	102
Total							7,915

WILLIAM H. POVALL, D. D. C. M.



**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 34.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
44	Evening Star...	Hornell.....	Steuben	Frank W. Dickey.....	Ed. J. Halbert.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	816
65	Morning Star...	Canisteo.....	"	Lucius A. Waldo.....	F. S. Roblee.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	173
104	Lewis.....	Howard.....	"	Geo. W. Ferris.....	William E. Huck.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	45
112	Steuben.....	Bath.....	"	Henry O. Elkins.....	Henry J. Donnelly.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	200
117	Painted Post...	Corning.....	"	Harry H. Pratt.....	G. Wharton Robertson	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	346
118	Addison Union..	Greenwood.....	"	Samuel C. Irwin.....	Oscar J. Hill.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	108
151	Sentinel.....	Painted Post...	"	George G. Conkey.....	E. W. Plaisted.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	27
168	Montour.....	Hornell.....	"	J. William Jones.....	H. R. Phelps.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	95
331	Hornellville.....	Hammondsport..	"	H. S. McKenney.....	Don L. Sharp.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	852
459	Urbana.....	South Danaville..	"	F. P. Freene.....	J. W. Van Ness.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	129
478	Danaville.....	Cohocton.....	"	Delbert Root.....	William S. Cook.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	24
510	Liberty.....	Cameron Mills...	"	Gilbert Lyon.....	S. D. Farmerter.....	Alternate Mondays.....	94
547	Cameron Mills...	Prattsburgh.....	"	George Campbell.....	James A. Smith.....	1st & last Saturdays.....	66
583	Prattsburgh.....	Troupeburg.....	"	Robert J. Scott.....	Wm. B. Pratt.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	81
649	McClellan.....	Avoca.....	"	Isaac A. Sanford.....	William F. Jolley.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	41
673	Avoca.....	Savona.....	"	Frank S. Arnold.....	Edgar A. Higgins.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	132
755	Savona.....	Woodhull.....	"	Claud Seybolt.....	Jesse H. Niles.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	91
777	Restoration.....	Wayland.....	"	Walter Smith.....	E. E. Webster.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	71
889	Warren Patchin..		"	Henry C. Meade.....	Geo. N. Stannarius....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	45

Total..... 2,485

WILLIAM A. RODGERS, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 35.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
146	Western Union.	Belfast .....	Allegany ..	Charles E. Millett.....	George W. Wilson..	Thursday on or before full moon of each month and two weeks thereafter.....	101
225	Allegany .....	Friendship .....	"	Dan M. Todd .....	Robert A. Scott .....	1st & 3d Fridays .....	180
229	Oriona .....	Fillmore.....	"	George W. Dautremont.	Carl Fritz.....	1st Friday on or before full moon and two weeks there- after.....	132
230	Wellsville .....	Wellsville .....	"	Jesse S. Grantler .....	Orin S. Wight .....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	213
258	Macedonia .....	Bolivar .....	"	Frank E. Taylor .....	Herman D. Barber .....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	172
306	Cuba .....	Cuba .....	"	Robert D. Morgan .....	Harry E. Keller .....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	188
318	Joseph Enos.....	Rushford.....	"	William H. Thomas.....	Will. F. Benjamin..	1st Tuesday on or before full moon and two weeks there- after.....	38
357	Caneadea.....	Caneadea .....	"	Alonzo O. Arnold.....	Charles F. Balcom .....	Sat. on or before full moon.	33
474	Belmont .....	Belmont .....	"	Arthur A. Norton.....	W. A. Pollard .....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	153
558	Andover .....	Andover .....	"	Andrew D. Fuller .....	George H. Beebe .....	1st & 3d Mondays .....	135
761	Maple Grove .....	Short Tract .....	"	William V. Drury .....	Floyd Ess .....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	41
781	Canaseraga.....	Canaseraga.....	"	John D. Bercher.....	Edward N. Bennett..	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	114
818	Melrose.....	Angelica .....	"	Isaac B. Irvin.....	J. N. Thompson .....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	82
Total.....							1,453

HARLEN C. VANDERHOEF, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 36.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
39	Olive Branch.....	Le Roy.....	Genesee	William A. Heaman..	Percy C. Decker.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	122
263	Mount Vernon.....	Java Village.....	Wyoming	Dee B. Hogan.....	Carl Viehman.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	85
379	Oakland.....	Castile.....	"	Silas L. Strlings.....	Edmund B. Windsor..	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	113
404	Constellation.....	Perry.....	"	Thomas H. Donnelly..	Chandler G. Wright..	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	123
413	West Star.....	Varysburg.....	"	Claude C. Wheeler..	Guy H. Parker.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	98
419	Arcade.....	Arcade.....	"	Frank W. Briggs.....	Lewis E. Hawks.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	196
462	Attica.....	Attica.....	"	John J. Copsey.....	George C. Lawrence..	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	133
475	Batavia.....	Batavia.....	Genesee	J. Edward Gubb.....	Chas. W. Hartley.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	387
543	Triluminar.....	Pike.....	Wyoming	H. C. Lathrop.....	L. A. Mason.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	82
549	Warsaw.....	Warsaw.....	"	David A. Diltz.....	W. Frank Crippen.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	209
887	Hesperus.....	Bergen.....	Genesee	Halden C. Miller.....	C. W. Tanner.....	Thursdays.....	89
Total.....							1,577

WALTER F. ARTHURS, D. D. G. M.

## MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 37.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
73	Lockport.	Lockport.	Niagara.	Frank F. Searies.	George G. Derby.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	206
97	Renovation.	Albion.	Orleans.	Fred. Mead Thompson.	Lyman Sewall Linson.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	278
132	Niagara Frontier.	Niagara Falls.	Niagara.	Reuben A. Taylor.	Wilfred J. Martan.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	456
218	Hartland.	Johnson Creek.	Niagara.	Frank Norton.	H. A. Shaw.	2d & 4th Mondays.	73
295	Cataract.	Middleport.	Niagara.	Charles R. Richardson.	Amos A. Castle.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	134
336	Medina.	Medina.	Orleans.	Milford W. Childs.	George A. Newell.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	233
375	Niagara.	Lockport.	Niagara.	Donald S. Moore.	Edward Beck.	1st & 3d Mondays.	360
376	Ontario.	Wilson.	Niagara.	Charles H. Tugwell.	Arthur Pease.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	81
380	Murray.	Holley.	Orleans.	Harry D. Bartlett.	Berton Keys.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	152
551	Ransomville.	Ransomville.	Niagara.	William D. Wianer.	John W. Thompson.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	105
639	Somerset.	Barker.	Niagara.	William L. Atwater.	Charles Putnam.	1st & 3d Fridays.	128
646	Red Jacket.	Lockport.	Niagara.	Clayton B. Emerson.	Burton A. Preish.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	256
675	Iates.	Lyndonville.	Orleans.	Frank Plummer.	Eddie R. Ferry.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	113
713	Social.	Kendall.	Orleans.	William V. Newcomb.	Elbert O. Smith.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	110
785	Niagara River.	Niagara Falls.	Niagara.	Hubert B. Stephens.	George J. Schumacher.	2d & 4th Mondays.	307
787	Gasport.	Gasport.	Niagara.	Albert W. Penly.	Andrew J. Underhill.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	96
826	Sutherland.	North Tonawanda.	Niagara.	George W. Fowler.	Edgar C. McDonald.	2d & 4th Mondays.	189
Total.							3,277

MONTFORD C. HOLLEY, D. D. &amp; M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 38.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Mason, Dec. 31, 1910.
105	Hiram.....	Buffalo.....	Erle.....	Ernest A. Hazell.....	A. A. Carroll.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	553
143	Concordia.....	".....	".....	George Moeller.....	Emil Jackson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	276
161	Erle.....	".....	".....	Henry W. Nachbar.....	Omar J. Swegter.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	756
240	Washington.....	".....	".....	Alonso G. Hinkley.....	J. William Prouse.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	846
247	Tonawanda.....	Tonawanda.....	".....	Fred. D. Tuck.....	D. G. O'Day.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	251
255	Living Stone.....	Colden.....	".....	Maurice L. Doty.....	Howard S. Hurlbut.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	70
261	Evans.....	Angola.....	".....	John H. Matteson.....	Franklin E. Parker.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	115
292	Parish.....	Buffalo.....	".....	Robert W. Wilson.....	Walter A. Fleming.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	587
340	Modestia.....	".....	".....	Ernest G. Schmidt.....	Philip Weber.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	299
351	Springville.....	Springville.....	".....	Emmons B. Dunbar.....	Harry G. Barker.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	184
358	Queen City.....	Buffalo.....	".....	David E. Fengest.....	William E. Long.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	877
441	Ancient Landmarks.....	".....	".....	Joseph Wright Beach.....	Louis F. Iulig.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	476
498	De Molay.....	".....	".....	Frank J. Tanner.....	J. Henry Barnard.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	787
514	Zion.....	Orchard Park.....	".....	Elscha Freeman.....	Charles H. Brown.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	100
527	Akron.....	Akron.....	".....	Burton Skillen.....	Perry P. Hart.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	149
594	Alden.....	Alden.....	".....	Fredrick L. Bock.....	Charles E. Ellers.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	180
625	Fraternal.....	Hamburg.....	".....	William E. Taylor.....	Perry M. Thorn.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	166
694	Blazing Star.....	East Aurora.....	".....	William E. Pierce.....	Frank J. Regan.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	198
699	Harmonie.....	Buffalo.....	".....	Fred'k L. Hartmayer.....	George H. Gebauer.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	187
766	Occidental.....	".....	".....	George A. Schmidt.....	Frank F. Elliott.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	296
788	Fortune.....	North Collins.....	".....	Elihu R. Sherman.....	Otto F. Weblacker.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	168
823	Depeu.....	Depeu.....	".....	Henry J. Hayward.....	Herman Hauser.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	161
885	Highland.....	Buffalo.....	".....	William B. Frye.....	Julius C. Bechiel.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	297
842	Transportation.....	".....	".....	John C. Helsenbuttle.....	John V. Lockwood.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	247
846	Buffalo.....	".....	".....	Alvah A. Adams.....	William Hipp.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	180
879	Charles W. Cushman.....	".....	".....	James Leroy Nixon.....	John Hora, Jr.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	74

**Total..... 7,889**

**CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, D. D. G. M.**

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 39.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
239	Cattaraugus....	Salamanca....	Cattaraugus.	Lyman J. Cheney.....	William C. Hirschert....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	306
252	Olean.....	Olean.....	"	Willis Z. Georgia.....	John Sloan.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	390
282	Phoenix.....	Gowanda.....	"	Clarence A. Potter.....	Benjamin Behan.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	191
307	Ellicottville....	Ellicottville....	"	Eben E. Comstock.....	John H. Youngs.....	1st & 3d Fri., Oct. 1st to May 1st, 1st Fri., May 1st to Oct. 1st	130
359	Randolph.....	Randolph.....	"	Oscar W. Farland.....	Leigh G. Kirkland.....	1st & 4th Tuesdays.....	187
579	Portville.....	Portville.....	"	Henry L. Jacoby.....	Nelson S. Holcomb.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	109
626	Clinton F. Paige	Otto.....	"	Walter Taft.....	Gardner J. Moore.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	75
630	Franklinville....	Franklinville....	"	Edward J. Reiman.....	David A. Owen.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	101
730	Henry Renner....	Limestone.....	"	John B. Woodard.....	Shep L. Vibbard.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	34
810	Urania.....	Macbias.....	"	Addison M. Baker.....	Fred. M. Haas.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	77
811	Berean.....	Cattaraugus.....	"	Alonzo G. Setter.....	Charles W. Brock.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	92
812	Arion.....	Little Valley....	"	Herbert H. Shipberrd...	Emmett L. Campbell....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	101
838	Adoniram.....	Allegany.....	"	Fred. J. Woodard.....	Lionel C. Ford.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	56
Total.....							1,799

IRA W. LIVERMORE, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 40.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
145	Mount Moriah...	Jamestown...	Chautauqua.	O. Nelson Rushworth...	Harold LeF. Brown...	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	592
152	Hanover .....	Forestville ..	"	Robert E. Bie.....	Elmer H. Wiggins....	} Alternate Wednesdays }	76
166	Forest.....	Fredonia .....	"	Bruce S. Wright.....	J. M. Pettit.....	from Jan. 11th.....	165
219	Summit .....	Westfield .....	"	Fred A. Pratt.....	William B. Wilson....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	209
301	Irondequoit .....	Dunkirk .....	"	William W. Hoppel ..	August W. Gilles.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	332
303	Sylvan .....	Sinclairville ..	"	Edwin H. Edson.....	Ernest F. Irvin.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	131
334	Cherry Creek...	Cherry Creek ..	"	Alfred H. Blaisdell...	Edgar W. Curtis.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	117
575	Olive.....	Sherman .....	"	Samuel H. Skinner....	L. Z. Davenport.....	} Alternate Fridays from }	113
606	Peacock .....	Mayville .....	"	Louis J. Harter .....	John L. Willett.....	Jan. 13th.....	108
757	Silver .....	Silver Creek ..	"	Maynard W. Rothrock..	William P. Christy....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	135
767	Dunkirk .....	Dunkirk .....	"	Fred B. Gifford.....	Frank W. Wirtner....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	187
861	Lake Shore .....	Brocton .....	"	Justin D. Smith.....	Seymour C. Hatch....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	111
Total.....							2,975

HUGH M. FLEMING, D. D. G. M.

**MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 41.**

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.	Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1910.
107	North Star.....	Brushton.....	Franklin..	E. Gay Brush.....	Alpheus G. Conger.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	102
291	No. Constellation..	Malone.....	"	John H. Dulles.....	Thomas T. Buttrick.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays....	233
338	Aurora.....	Fort Covington..	"	Thomas W. Fraser.....	Merritt M. Smith.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	52
517	Frontier.....	Chateaugay.....	"	Frank W. Hill.....	Henry E. Thompson.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	113
556	North Bangor.....	North Bangor.....	"	Willard B. Royce.....	Charles E. Walker.....	2d & last Saturdays.....	126
739	White Face Mt.....	Saranac Lake.....	"	Walter E. Johnson.....	John S. Walton.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	193
847	Mount Arab.....	Tupper Lake.....	"	Berton D. McCormick.....	Wm. James Snyder.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	90
874	Blue Mountain.....	St. Regis Falls..	"	John L. Blood.....	Frank M. Green.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	43
Total.....							1005

ROY N. PORTER, D. D. G. M.

**RECAPITULATION.**

Number of Districts.....	41
Number of Lodges.....	803
Number of Master Masons.....	168,714





# REPORT

ON

## FOREIGN CORRESPOND'ENCE

FOR 1911.

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*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the Brethren of this Jurisdiction:*

AGAIN we submit our work to you, and, as heretofore, we endeavored to cull from all these Proceedings that which we deemed of interest to our brethren of New York, reviewing, and *reviewing* only, the doings of other Grand Lodges, and all without comment or expression of personal views. Neither in quarrelsome spirit, finding fault with others, nor in fulsome flattery praise, to keep up the "Mutual Admiration Society" of the so-called round table, but, without display or boast, have we tried to report and reproduce for the benefit and instruction of the brethren of our own jurisdiction. We hold that we are chroniclers, *not* critics.

In reviewing all these Grand Lodges, it is a pleasure to note the harmony and union prevailing everywhere; throughout all run the same spirit of brotherly regard, the same exalted charity. An order, no matter what our enemies may say, which won the regard and approval of Washington and Clinton, Franklin and Jackson, McKinley and others, cannot be otherwise than good and worthy. Well may every Craftsman feel proud of an association with the illustrious, the brave and the excellent of earth, who now, as in time gone by, have joined hands and plighted faith as they knelt at the Altar of Freemasonry.

We find much space is devoted to the meetings of Grand Masters held at Baltimore and Philadelphia, and much good to the Craft is expected to result from these meetings. The so-called Grand Lodge of San Salvador again requests recognition. We have recommended adversely upon this in previous reports, and nothing has occurred or come before us to alter these recommendations.

The Grand Lodge of Roumania, at Bucharest, asks for recognition, but no proof is shown that our requirements are complied with, and we recommend to have this matter laid over."

The standard set by this Grand Lodge, and which is followed by most of the Grand Lodges in the United States, still stands, to-wit: A belief in God, pre-requisite to admission, the Bible upon the altar, origin

in ancient Craft Masonry, and absolute control of the Craft in the Jurisdiction. All this has been stated in previous Reports.

We congratulate the Craft everywhere upon its splendid showing, and our own brethren as being not only part and parcel of the same, but in the lead in all forward movements for the good and benefit of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM SHERER,  
EMIL FRENKEL,  
EMANUEL LOEWENSTEIN.

## UNITED STATES.

### ALABAMA.

90th Communication.

MONTGOMERY.

December 6, 1910.

M. W. LAWRENCE H. LEE, Grand Master, in the East with five Past Grand Masters. The Senior Past Grand Master answers for New York. Right here we copy an excellent dictum:

"Providing that if a Grand Representative of a sister Grand Jurisdiction near this Grand Jurisdiction shall absent himself from three consecutive Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Jurisdiction issuing the commission thereof be requested to revoke the same."

The Grand Secretary reported thirteen who fell under this provision, and he was ordered to notify the thirteen Grand Lodges to withdraw these negligent brethren.

The Grand Master's address covers fifty-two pages. It begins:

"Reverently, gratefully and fraternally, I give to each and every one of you cordial greeting to this, our ninetieth annual communication. It is good to have you here, to feel the warm hand-clasp, the glad hail, the 'God bless you' of fraternal meeting and greeting.

"The gates of Time swinging forever between the pillars of Eternity to mark the passage of the ages have closed upon another Grand Lodge year. Its history is written, and the record of its days, whether for good or ill, has passed forever from our power to alter or change. The moving finger of Time has written it upon the imperishable tablets of Eternity, and having written, has passed on, and not all our tears nor all our prayers can change one jot or tittle of it.

"If we could realize fully the absolute truth of this fact, a fact prominent in all of Masonry's teachings, and would order our lives in conformity thereto, each Masonic year would become an illumined signboard raised along the broad highway of the past, serving to point mankind along paths wholly beautiful, along ways filled with broad sunlit reaches, cool silences and good deeds.

"Masonry has always stood, and if it would serve its purposes, must continue to stand for the highest individual development, and the largest personal liberty of man, in his evolutionary search for individual happiness, and his proper sphere in the eternal scheme of things; it has ever fostered the spirit and encouraged the growth of constructive individuality in its deepest, broadest and fullest sense; has always sought to give dignity and emphasis to individual intelligence as a natural and essential basis of all human progress; has always advocated the largest individual

freedom of thought and action, having due regard for the rights of others. To the end, then, that man may rightfully develop along God-intended lines, Masonry has ever stood for the highest and broadest individual education and the inculcation of strict and scientific moral principle. It points with unerring directness to light and truth, that its votaries, seeing the light and knowing the truth, may so order their ways as not only to walk uprightly before God and man, but to assist others to plant their feet in the pathway that leads to happiness and knowledge here, and to a glorious immortality in all the glad afterwhiles."

Thirteen Lodges were newly erected; twenty-one received charters. Dispensations were freely granted for many Masonic functions and work, elections, etc.

Anent the Mississippi-New Jersey imbrolio, he says:

"I find similar conditions to exist in several of the Grand Jurisdictions, with whom we hold fraternal relations. Such a condition exists in Nova Scotia, in Washington, possibly in the Philippines, where California has several Lodges, certainly in several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Mother Grand Lodge of England. To have begun the severing of fraternal relations on that account would have led to results not at all desirable, in my judgment.

"If our proud boast be true that Masonry is universal (and the writer is firmly convinced that it is), then its viewpoint is necessarily as broad and universal. From this viewpoint, the objection to continuing fraternal relations for the reasons stated is untenable, because based upon a racial and social prejudice, or at least a racial and social distinction. While this prejudice or distinction is as firmly grounded in the writer as in any other living man, I am of the opinion that it should not be allowed to bias our judgment or control our actions in matters affecting the rights of others, who may conscientiously entertain other views."

Thirty-one decisions are reported. We quote two:

"21. No one is eligible to the office of Worshipful Master, who has not been elected and installed as Senior Warden or Junior Warden in a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. The fact that he has been elected and served as Senior Warden in another Grand Jurisdiction does not make him eligible to the office of Master in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"31. The song, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' is not non-sectarian, Masonically speaking, although non-sectarian so far as all denominations professing Christ is concerned. (Overruling decision Proceedings 1908.)

"I rendered the above decision with some misgiving at the time, and since have had occasion to investigate more thoroughly the symbol of the cross, from a Masonic standpoint. I find that in all ages, and among all people, the cross has been a symbolism, and as such symbolism has stood for some one or more of the teachings and symbolisms of our order, and hence, I reached the conclusion that I was wrong in this decision, and I take this method of stating my desire to withdraw it, and to hold that, 'Masonically speaking, the song, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' is non-sectarian, and can, with propriety, be used in all lands by all people, who are eligible to be made Masons.'"

The report on foreign correspondence, by BRO. WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, reports New York on six pages, quotes much of the report of our Judge Advocate, R. W. BRO. WAHLE, and is courteous in its comment on our doings. This Grand Lodge reports ministers of the Gospel distinct from other members, and exempts them from paying Grand Lodge dues.

Alabama has 501 Lodges and 23,303 members.

M. W. LAWRENCE H. LEE (*Montgomery*), Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP (*Montgomery*), Grand Secretary.

**ARIZONA.***28th Communication.**TUCSON.**February 10, 1910.*

M. W. FLETCHER MORRIS DOAN, Grand Master in the East, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master of California was announced and was presented by BBO. GOLDWATER:

"As the Grand Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California in Arizona, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you and to this Grand Lodge the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of California.

"It would be idle for me to recapitulate the many titles which our distinguished visitor has earned by his services to Masonry.

"There is one, however, by which he is known and loved by many, in every civilized country, and by which he will be the most honored and best remembered. The Almoner of the largest Masonic charity fund ever distributed, the President of the General Masonic Relief Board of San Francisco and California, the Most Worshipful W. FRANK PIERCE.

"M. W. BRO. PIERCE was most warmly welcomed by Grand Master DOAN, and conducted to a seat in the Grand East."

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The Grand Master's address is short and concise. It covers ten pages, and deals with local matter only. He sadly mentions the beloved dead, among them three Past Grand Masters, ANSEL MELLE BRAGG, the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and GEORGE SHAND and FRANCIS MARION ZUCK. Fraternal relations were established and recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge "Alpina." From reports it can be seen that the brethren of Arizona are a sturdy lot and enthusiastic in their labors in our fraternity. There are 19 Lodges, with 1,807 members.

M. W. FRANK THOMAS (*Phoenix*), Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE (*Tucson*), Grand Secretary.

**ARKANSAS.***68th Communication.**LITTLE ROCK.**November 15, 1910.*

M. W. BRO. A. J. WITT, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, REV. BRO. F. N. BREWER. There were eleven Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Master's address covers thirty-one pages. In it he mourns the dead—especially mention is made of Past Grand Master WM. K. RAMSEY. He says:

"Let us hope that the record we have made, as men and Masons, has been for the betterment of ourselves, our brethren and the world at large; that every act of ours has been characterized by lofty ideals, the love of right and justice, tempered with the sweetness of mercy, and for the advancement of the principles we teach, and marked by that love we should feel for one another, so that we may say:

And:

"When we look down the corridors of time into the dreamless past and search through the centuries gone for the basic principles upon which our Order is founded, we find that liberty and freedom of conscience have impressed themselves upon humanity in every clime where Masonry has found an abiding place. Centuries ago, when warring factions sought supremacy, when nations sought the overthrow of each other through internecine strife, when the arts and sciences struggled in their infancy for attention, and when civilization first assumed shape and commenced that development which has resulted in its present high standard, we find that Masonry, through all these vicissitudes, through all these struggles, was silently but surely and firmly impressing its great lesson upon humanity in every clime—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

Six decisions are reported, and answered in good, plain, Masonic way. The Grand Master reports his work of the year, dispensations, cornerstone layings, and all the good work he has done during the year. The entire paper breathes a true Masonic spirit and common sense without the flourish of oratory some Grand Masters seem to affect. Anent election to office, he has this to say:

"In this connection, I am constrained to further say that if any officer of a subordinate Lodge fails to 'make good' in any position bestowed to him, he should not, in such case, be promoted. But it is not just to the Lodge, neither does it speak well for the Order to gratify the ambition of a brother by electing him to the position of Warden or Master, or to elect or appoint him to any other position, if he cannot or will not inform himself and learn to do his work well. Again, I deem it wrong, and that it should be regarded as a Masonic offense for a brother to refuse, if he be competent and eligible, to serve his Lodge in any capacity, if he be called upon and it is within his power so to do."

The correspondence is written by BRO. GEO. T. BLACK. New York is "not in it." Thirty-three Grand Lodges are reviewed. The Brother says:

"We deem it more the duty of a committee of this character to properly and correctly reflect the important happenings in different Jurisdictions than of expressing individual opinions of the same, leaving that matter for him who desires to give his time and attention to the writing of Masonic history."

Arkansas has 553 Lodges and 21,776 members.

M. W. F. G. LINDSEY (*Bentonville*), Grand Master.

R. W. FAY HEMPSTEAD (*Little Rock*), Grand Secretary.

## CALIFORNIA.

61st Communication.

SAN FRANCISCO.

October 11, 1910.

This Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

M. W. DANA R. WELLER, Grand Master by succession, fittingly and feelingly announced to Grand Lodge the death of the M. W. Grand Master, W. FRANK PIERCE, and requested the V. R. ERNEST E. BAKER, Grand Chaplain, to offer a prayer expressive of the sympathy

and love borne by every Mason for the untimely loss of this great and good man.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master then read the Annual Address of the late Grand Master, written shortly before his death (being his last official act).

In this the late Grand Master concisely reports the doings of the year just past, mentions the state of the Craft, the Boards of Relief. Six new Lodges were constituted. Thirteen Lodges were erected, many dispensations were granted, and corner-stones were laid. Only four decisions are reported. The following was read by the Grand Master, M. W. BRO. DANA REID WELLER:

"BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

"As we listen to these last words of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our hearts must be stirred by feelings of deep emotion and sincere sorrow at his untimely taking away.

"His temple of Masonic work in our Grand Lodge was near its completion when he was felled by the heavy hand of Death, and confusion reigns in our midst. Yet his word is not lost. It remains with us, to guide us along the paths of truth and virtue and to cheer us on our journey.

"Though we shall miss his kindly face and genial smile, his wise counsel and thoughtful care, we shall always be truly grateful that we were permitted for so long to have the benefit of his valuable services to our Fraternity.

"As his successor, I most heartily indorse each and every recommendation contained in his address, which has just been presented, and earnestly desire that his wishes as therein expressed may be gratified in every detail. So far as lies in my power, his policies shall be pursued during this Communication. Having this in mind, I shall not presume to supplement the address in any particular, but commend it entirely to your consideration and judgment."

Much space is occupied in memoriam and in praise of the late Past Grand Master PIERCE. Addresses were made by BROS. WELLS, DAVIS, and others.

At the special memorial service in honor of the late Past Grand Master, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, the following program was observed, the music being under the direction of the veteran Grand Organist, SAMUEL D. MAYER:

Organ—"Chopin Funeral March."

Quartette—"Lead Kindly Light," W. EGERTON SMITH, SAMUEL D. MAYER, J. C. HUGHES, W. C. CAMPBELL.

Prayer—V. R. ERNEST E. BAKER, Grand Chaplain.

Resolutions—Hollywood Lodge, No. 355.

Quartette—"Gathering Home."

Eulogy—M. W. CHARLES L. PATTON, Past Grand Master.

Quartette—"Good Night."

Address—BRO. WILLIAM R. DAVIS, of Oakland Lodge, No. 188.

Quartette—"Farewell."

Benediction—Grand Chaplain.

Organ—"Aloha Oe."

New York is reviewed on six pages, and some of BRO. SAWYER'S words are reproduced. The scene of the children of the Home, singing

for the brethren of New York, is described, as well as the enthusiasm aroused by this in the Grand Lodge, and the anxiety to subscribe in aid of our Home.

We find here 345 Lodges and 43,675 members.

M. W. DANA REID WELLER (*Los Angeles*), Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN WHICHER (*San Francisco*), Grand Secretary.

## COLORADO.

*50th Communication.*

*DENVER.*

*September 20, 1910.*

M. W. GEORGE W. MUSSER, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form, after prayer by R. W. ZACHARIA X. SNYDER, Grand Chaplain. Twenty-six Past Grand Masters in attendance, one M. W. JOHN B. HAFFY represents New York.

The Grand Master's address covers twenty-two pages. At the opening he says:

"With the ever onward flow of time another Masonic year has reached its close, its events have taken place, its mistakes, its accomplishments, its failures and successes have all been wrought, and now this Grand Lodge has met for the Fiftieth Annual Communication to record the history of the year that has gone and to deposit the record in the archives of the past. The Craft generally throughout the Jurisdiction and my associate officers have all nobly performed their parts in up-building and advancing the institution of Freemasonry. What your Grand Master has done seems poor indeed when compared with what might have been done by one better endowed for the duties of the high station and differently circumstanced as to the disposition of his time.

"It is, therefore, with profound gratitude that I can report that among the Craft in this Jurisdiction peace prevails, prosperity abounds, and, above all, a spirit that makes for good, for sound morals, for sturdy, rugged manhood radiates from our Masonic Lodges, aiding, strengthening and ennobling everything that comes in contact with it. Without design to do so, without show or ostentation, but because of its unflinching adherence to the first principles of sound morality and right, its refusal to be led astray by popular clamor or to pose for popular favor, its quiet dignity and stately deportment, Masonry in this Jurisdiction has become a great institution, influential for the advancement of those moral qualities that make for the betterment of social and civic conditions."

The report shows that the Grand Master has been a very busy man during his incumbency of the high office. Proper respect is paid to the fraternal dead. Two new Lodges were constituted; four were newly erected. Many dispensations were granted and much work was done.

In noting that this is the fiftieth communication, and that last year a committee was appointed to arrange for a "Celebration," we made ready to report and review this celebration, but we fail to find any account of it at all. One of the speakers mentions something of the "meeting last night," but no account is given.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made an excellent job of it. New York is reviewed kindly and courteously on six pages. The report is written by BRO. LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF. He says that:



"American Masons are greatly indebted to New York for providing reliable information concerning the work of foreign Grand Bodies."

Colorado has 118 Lodges and 14,311 members.

M. W. ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY (*Denver*), Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES H. JACOBSON (*Denver*), Grand Secretary.

## CONNECTICUT.

122nd Communication.

HARTFORD.

January 19, 1910.

M. W. WESTON G. GRANNISS, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge, assisted by ten Past Grand Masters, one, M. W. ANDREW J. HALLOCK, representing New York.

In his opening address the Grand Master says:

"Time passes quickly. It seems but a few days since I stood in your presence and assumed the obligations and responsibilities of this, the highest Masonic office within your power to confer, and yet a full twelvemonth has passed into history. But while time may pass quickly, yet not so rapidly as to prevent the changes which are inevitable and which, perhaps, are thrown into the stronger relief by reason of its strenuous and fleeting character. Life is an admixture of good and evil, joy and sorrow, hope and disappointment. Since last we met many have experienced the extremes of both. As a great fraternal organization, we are bound to enter into and share the experiences of one another. Therefore, we rejoice with those whose days have been filled with joy, and freely and sincerely mingle our tears with those who have had the wormwood 'commingled with life's wine.' We have been called upon to wear the badge of mourning and to stand around the open grave for members of this Grand Lodge and for members of the subordinate Lodges; but as the evergreen is the symbol of our faith in the immortality of the soul, we have not sorrowed as those without hope."

He mourns the loss of many brethren of his own and sister Jurisdictions; special mention is made of the Senior Past Grand Master, JAMES LEWIS GOULD, and of Past Grand Master HENRY ORANGE WARNER. He reports a great amount of Masonic work, waivers asked and granted, dispensations asked and refused, official and social visits. He is proud of the Home, and says:

"It is our home. We are responsible for its being and, likewise, for its maintenance. We are proud of it; for it is a living illustration of the vitality of Masonic principles to the people of Connecticut. About one hundred persons are now being sheltered and protected by it. The financial interests of the Home, and, in fact, all that pertains to its welfare, are carefully looked after by a most capable Board of Managers. These men give freely of their time and thought for the work, without receiving a penny for remuneration, simply because their hearts are in it."

The paper is sound and concise, giving a good account of good work done.

New York is quoted on seven pages by Past Grand Master FRANK W. HAVEN, of the Committee, who quotes many excerpts from the address

of Grand Master SAWYER, and kindly reproduces what he said of our esteemed Grand Secretary, M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS. The brother promises to call the attention of the Grand Chaplain of Connecticut to New York, and when they pray for the brethren in the Nutmeg State to include us of New York. Thanks. It can't do any harm, and may do good (?).

Connecticut is growing steadily, and no doubt does maintain its excellent position as the best Masonic State in the United States, with more Masons in proportion to its population than any other State.

This State has 110 Lodges, with 22,586 members.

M. W. FRED A. VERPLANCK (*South Manchester*), Grand Master.

M. W. FRANK W. HAVEN (*Hartford*), Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE.

105th Communication.

WILMINGTON.

October 5, 1910.

Lusty, hale and hearty, little Delaware, with its 3,000 members, comes along as sprightly as a boy, though just 105 years old. M. W. EDWARD B. MODE, Grand Master, opened the Lodge in Ample Form, assisted by eleven Past Grand Masters and all the Grand Officers. Among the distinguished visitors were: ALLTON N. SHERMAN, M. W. G. M.; W. D. RUTAN, D. G. M.; W. H. BARKER, Grand Treasurer; L. S. SKITMAN, Grand Tyler; JOHN H. WILKINS, P. G. M.; HENRY S. HAMES, Grand Instructor; JOSIAH W. EWAN, P. G. M.; HENRY BERG, S. G. S.; W. M. THOMPSON, G. JR. D.; all of New Jersey. CHAS. H. CALLAHAN, of Virginia, and JNO. E. SPARROW, of New Jersey.

In his opening address, the Grand Master says:

"Gladness, if by even one act only, I may have met with your approval. Gladness, for I can, in years to come, look back to the many happy hours you have given me. the many acts of kindness, unselfishly extended by you; acts of brotherly love, generously and fraternally bestowed.

"Sorrow, to think that the time has arrived when I shall not enjoy to such an extent your always delightful and fraternal company.

"I have not sought great reforms nor display of authority, considering that the duty of Grand Master was as that of a Brother of the Fraternity and not as an absolute ruler of Delaware Masons.

"Our Order is one of a Noble Brotherhood; a Brotherhood of man; not an organization of ignorant and lawless men, but an order of law-abiding, God-loving men, who practise charity and true benevolence; who respect the ties of blood and friendship; aid the fallen; succor the feeble; protect the widow and orphan; promote learning and inculcate every moral and social virtue.

"Free Masonry is an institution that has stood the test of ages; other orders have flourished and fallen, but the noble principles it has inculcated have stood the ravages of war and the decay of time; its precepts are invulnerable, it defines man's duty to himself as well as to his fellow-man, it teaches self-perfection and elevation."

He feelingly speaks of the dead, reviews all his doings, dispensations, visits to his own and other Jurisdictions, speaks encouragingly and hope-

fully of a Masonic home, and winds up thanking the brethren for the honor conferred upon him.

New York is kindly spoken of by the Committee, Bro. L. H. JACKSON Chairman.

Delaware has 22 Lodges and 3,131 members.

M. W. G. LATTON GRIER (*Milford*), Grand Master.

R. W. VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON (*Wilmington*), Grand Secretary.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

99th Communication.

WASHINGTON.

December 15, 1909.

Prior to the session of the Annual, this Grand Lodge held several "Stated and Specials." M. W. HENRY K. SIMPSON, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form, after prayer by Rev. and Bro. A. A. MURCH, of Carmel, Maine. Six Past Grand Masters were present. In his opening address, the Grand Master reverently remembers the dead, M. W. JOSE M. YZNAGA, DAVID G. DIXON, and Past Senior Grand Warden WARREN H. ORCUTT, of his own, and the many from other Jurisdictions. The address is strictly a business paper, speaking with pleasure of the new Temple, reciting a few dispensations granted, and other matters of local import. One decision is hereby quoted, as it may interest many of our own brethren :

"I was requested for a decision as to whether a Lodge in this Jurisdiction could be legally incorporated, the reason for such request being that the Lodge was about to purchase a property, and it was the desire of the Lodge to hold the property in its own name, instead of vesting the title in trustees.

"I referred the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which advanced several reasons why a Lodge should not be incorporated. In the first place, Section 82 of the Grand Lodge Constitution provides that upon the surrender or forfeiture of a charter by any Lodge, the whole of its property, jewels, regalia, books, papers and effects belong to and are vested in the Grand Lodge. If a Lodge were permitted to incorporate under the laws of the District of Columbia, all its effects would be the property of the incorporation, and subject to such disposition as might be directed by a court for the benefit of its stockholders and creditors in the event of the corporation becoming insolvent, and thus the provision of the Grand Lodge Constitution might be practically nullified. Furthermore, if the Lodge were incorporated, it would be in the power of a court, upon the petition of any dissatisfied member, to order the production of any and all of the books of the Lodge as property of the corporation, and thus make public records of proceedings which are not intended to be thrown wide open to the inspection of the profane in general. Again, a Lodge is under the absolute control and supervision of the Grand Lodge, and may be terminated at any time by action of the Grand Lodge. If it were incorporated its existence as a corporate body could not be terminated by action of the Grand Lodge, but only by the order of a court in a proper proceeding. There might accordingly be raised the question of supreme jurisdiction as between the Grand Lodge and a court, and it is wise not to consent to the creation of such a condition as might lead to such a conflict of jurisdiction.

"No Lodge in this Jurisdiction has ever been incorporated. Several Lodges own real estate, the title to which is vested in trustees for the use and benefit of the Lodge, which is practicable and entirely effective under the laws of the District, and what has been so effectively done by other Lodges could be done by Takoma Lodge without the necessity of incorporating."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence asked for further time anent the Grand Lodge of Turkey and of Salvador.

This Committee mentions New York on four pages, and in its conclusion makes some excellent remarks about the prevailing substitution of prohibition for temperance, and of the overbearing and encroaching influence of a reactionary element in some of our States—Massachusetts and others. BRO. GEORGE W. BAIRD, Past Grand Master, is the able writer.

This Grand Lodge has 28 Lodges and 8,948 members.

M. W. GEORGE C. OBER (*Washington*), Grand Master.

R. W. ARVINE W. JOHNSTON (*Washington*), Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA.

82nd Communication. JACKSONVILLE. January 17, 1911.

M. W. LOUIS C. MASSEY, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Seven Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Past Grand Master E. E. HASKELL represented New York. The Grand Master's Address opens with:

"The centuries of the existence of Freemasonry sweeping onward like a stately river toward the ocean of eternity, make the course of one year seem like a little tributary on whose waters we have briefly glided to the outlet where they mingle with the majestic flood. Yet on a journey so short, and apparently uneventful, the determination of our course from time to time may have created influences which will extend beyond our lives; we may have voyaged side by side with others on the same stream, or have come into collision with them; and we ourselves may have advanced, and, alas, may have retrograded in the practice of the cardinal virtues since last we launched our bark. At this eighty-second Annual Grand Communication, we may well pause and review the events and the conditions of our journey, and lay out our course as near as may be for the future. In this review we should, before all things else, reverently recall the blessings which the God of our Fathers has given to us, His children, with a bounteous hand, filling all things living with plenteousness and crowning the year with His goodness. In acknowledgment of His bounty and goodness, let us for a moment stand with bowed heads and thankful heart."

He pays due respect to the illustrious dead, especially BRO. THOMAS MARVIN PULESTON, Past Grand Master, and BRO. F. M. SAMUEL. Six Lodges were duly constituted, and eight new Lodges were erected. Several Specials were held to lay corner-stones. He also recounts the many visits made.

Seventeen decisions were made, all of slight importance and not of general interest.

The report of Correspondence is in good taste, and is by Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright. New York receives courteous notice on eight pages.

Florida has 202 Lodges and 9,501 members.

M. W. ALBERT W. GILCHRIST (*Tallahassee*), Grand Master.

R. W. WILBER P. WEBSTER (*Jacksonville*), Grand Secretary.

## GEORGIA.

124th Communication.

MACON.

October 25, 1910.

This Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, BRO. A. D. ECHOLS; M. W. HENRY BANKS in the East, with all the officers and three Past Grand Masters present. New York was represented by the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. BRO. ROBERT L. COLDING. Before the reading of his address, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented a handsome apron to Past Grand Master JAMES W. TAYLOR and to the General Treasurer, JAMES M. RUSKIN, a jewel of honor. In the presentation he expresses this happy thought:

"There are in Georgia 592 Masonic Schools, or Lodges, each presided over by a Master. Here in Macon is located a Masonic College, or Grand Lodge, holding a session of three days each year. The Masters of the Subordinate Schools, or Lodges, attend the yearly sessions to attain more light to dispense among the students at home. This Masonic College has provided a system of rewards. The Master, or Past Master, attending for thirty years receives a Past Master's jewel."

His address is a gem. In the opening paragraph he says:

"MY BROTHERS: Change is a universal law. It is written in the firmament above and stamped upon the rolling world beneath. Since last we met the changing seasons have laid their tribute in the lap of time, and twelve months, with their joys and sorrows, their smiles and tears, their battles fought and victories won, have been numbered with the centuries that lie buried in the tomb of the past. To me these months have passed with such nimble feet and smiling faces that it seems but yesterday that standing in this place you crowned my many years of service with your highest honor and laid upon my shoulders the ermine of this exalted station.

"Appreciating in the highest degree the honor, and with a deep sense of the responsibilities it bore, I have endeavored to discharge the duties to the best of my ability.

"To you, my Brothers, just entering young manhood's stage and with elastic step are pressing forward with keen, expectant eye fixed upon the summit of life's bright promises, and you, my Brothers of maturer years whose feet have reached the summit, and standing for a while, look back upon labors wrought and hopes accomplished, and you, my Brothers and friends of many happy years that are gone, whose hearts are as the almond tree in blossom, and whose feet are rapidly bearing you down the western slope of time, I bid you a warm-hearted welcome to the honors, the labors and pleasures of this, the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia."

Then in solemn and impressive words recounts the names of the beloved dead, mentioning among others, DR. CHARLES P. GORDON, Past

Deputy Grand Master. He earnestly recommends the building of a Temple in Macon for a permanent home of the Grand Lodge; also, while praising the Masonic Home, pleads for its enlargement, and suggests this plan to raise money for this laudable object:

"I believe that if this Grand Lodge will charter a Lodge at the Home, to be known as the Masonic Home Lodge, and permit dual membership, so far as this Lodge is concerned only, that every Mason, or almost every one, would readily and gladly become a member of it. Let a certificate be issued and furnished each Lodge in the State, to be filled out by the Secretary of the Lodge, as many certificates to each Lodge as there are members of it, and upon the payment of fifty cents by a brother, let the Secretary of the Lodge furnish him with the certificate or diploma, certifying that he is a member of The Masonic Home Lodge. I feel sure by this method we would raise more than the amount we need for improvement, at the Home."

The Grand Master recites the many visits made during the year. The many dispensations to confer degrees "out of time" are again in evidence in this Grand Lodge.

Seventy-eight decisions are recorded, mostly of local import, and undoubtedly answered according to local laws. The whiskey question and physical imperfections cover many of these. Fifteen dispensations to form new Lodges were granted, and thirty-one were constituted.

Georgia has had many brilliant men in its Grand East: MAX MEYERHARDT, TAYLOR, JEFFRIES, and others. Now, Past Grand Master HENRY BARKS will worthily take his place among them.

The report on correspondence by BRO. A. Q. MOODY is in excellent form, and quotes New York on five pages. We quote BRO. MOODY'S concluding paragraph anent recognition:

"The Grand Lodges are pretty evenly divided on the question of recognizing Grand Orients.

"Some declare that we must be exceedingly liberal in our treatment of all bodies bearing the name of Masonry. Others express the belief that Grand Orients are not independent sovereign bodies, supreme in authority, but that they derive their powers from a Supreme Council, and that, therefore, they are not of equal dignity with a Grand Lodge."

We hold the preponderance is on the side of the latter.

Georgia has 622 Lodges and 35,295 members.

M. W. GEORGE M. NAPIER (*Decatur*), Grand Master.

R. W. W. A. WOLHIN (*Macon*), Grand Secretary.

## IDAHO.

43rd Communication.

BOISE.

September 13, 1910.

M. W. GEORGE F. GAGAN, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order and opened in due and ancient form. Eight Past Grand Masters were present. BRO. CHARLES HIMROD represented New York. After opening, the Grand Master read his address of eighteen pages. He begins with:

"The Forty-third Annual Communication is now in session. Another mile-post has been erected along the pathway of our existence as a Grand Body in Idaho, and it affords me great pleasure in welcoming you to this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and in extending to you all fraternal greetings.

"May all your deliberations be characterized by the spirit of justice and harmony, and may great good result from our coming together at this time. May we enjoy the full extent of our privileges in transacting the business which has brought us here and improve the opportunities for making new acquaintances and renewing old friendships, and may we legislate wisely and do well everything for which this Grand Lodge was instituted."

This Grand Master has decided opinions anent Grand Representatives, and says:

"A number of Grand Representatives have been appointed. In this respect, I have yet to learn the object of the appointment of Grand Representatives, the position being merely honorary, and, so far as I can discern, the honor is so limited as to be practically imperceptible. The custom appears to have originated only to confer upon certain members an empty title.

"The legal way of communication between different Jurisdictions is through the Grand Masters and I can see no valid reason for the continuance of the practice."

A long list of the departed of his own and sister Jurisdictions was read, many dispensations were granted and several refused. Of his decisions, we quote only a few:

"Q. If a vacancy has been created, may we appoint and install a new Chaplain, without a dispensation?

"A. The office being vacant, the Worshipful Master may appoint a Chaplain pro tem at each meeting, but no Chaplain can be appointed and installed to fill the unexpired term, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

"Q. Can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, become a regular member again, by payment of such dues?

"A. Any suspended Mason may at any time reinstate himself by the payment of the arrearages due at the time of his suspension, together with such further dues as would have accrued against him, had he retained his membership. Section 13, page 34, Code and Digest."

"A. Where there are two or more Lodges in the same city, the Secretary of each Lodge shall notify the other Lodges in such city, of all petitions for initiation or membership, which notice shall be read to the Lodge to whom sent at the next regular meeting. Such Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction over applications for degrees and for membership, but this does not give to one Lodge the right to dictate who shall constitute the membership of the other Lodge. The required notice I take it, is merely of an advisory nature, to permit the Lodge receiving same to present objections to any petition and to furnish information relative to the character of the petitioner that other Lodges may not possess."

BRO. GEORGE E. KNEPPER, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, quotes much from New York and speaks favorably of this committee. Thanks.

This Jurisdiction has 43 Lodges, with 3,167 members.

M'. W'. BYRON S. DEFENBACH (*Sand Point*), Grand Master.

R'. W'. THEOPHILIUS W. RANDALL (*Boise*), Grand Secretary.

**ILLINOIS.**

71st Communication.

CHICAGO.

October 11, 1910.

M. W. ALBERT B. ASHLEY, Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge in Ample Form. R. W. J. WEBSTER BAILEY led the devotion. The Grand Master fills forty-four pages with his report, and it is an excellent resumé of the year's work and progress. He says in beginning:

"So extensive have been my duties that it has required my entire time and energy for their discharge. It has been a cheerful service, because it was a labor of love. During the year we have passed the one hundred thousand mark in membership. While bigness is not always goodness, yet, when proper care and scrutiny have been exercised at the ballot box and by committees of investigation, we properly take pride in our large membership, the largest with one exception upon the American continent and the third largest on earth.

"It is cause for congratulations that peace, harmony and prosperity prevail among the Lodges and brethren of our great State.

"In addition to this, our relations with the seventy-one Grand Lodges, with which we are in fraternal correspondence, are most cordial and friendly. Nothing has risen to mar that harmony which is the strength and support of all institutions, especially ours."

Of the departed brethren, he says:

"Before passing into the details of the work for the year, it is fitting that we stand with bowed heads in memory of those workers in the quarries of life who have ceased to be our earthly companions and have gone into eternal rest and refreshment in the paradise of God, especially Past Grand Master JOHN M. PEARSON."

Seven Lodges were constituted, and eight were newly erected by dispensations. The event of the year, the Grand Master calls the laying of the corner-stone of the new Orphans' Home at La Grange. The Grand Lodge of the Netherland was recognized, and Representatives were exchanged. Much space is devoted to the matter of the homes in this State, and justly so. They are in most praiseworthy condition. Of non-affiliates, he has this to say, and justly so:

"There are many hundreds of voluntary non-affiliated Masons in Illinois. Since the establishment of the Masonic Home at Sullivan, some have affiliated with Lodges, inasmuch as non-affiliates are not eligible for admission to the Home. In every town and city there reside a considerable number who hold dimits and do not ask for membership. They are always in evidence at times when they may be seen or when there is something to eat. They can be seen in every procession on public occasions and have foremost seats at banquets. The only apparent reason for this failure to resume membership is payment of dues.

"The trifling sum necessary to support Grand Lodge, the Homes, give relief to a needy brother, and to pay for the running expenses of the Lodge, weighs more than their interest in Masonry. They, therefore, remain non-affiliated and are declared by this Grand Lodge in good standing. I have no sympathy or patience with this kind of Masonry, and recommend that the law be so changed that a non-affiliated Mason who remains outside of a Lodge for a period of one year without applying for membership shall be deprived of all Masonic rights and privileges. This is the law in New York."



Illinois, like all others, is troubled with a few clandestines, and recommends care in admitting visitors.

The Baltimore Conference is favorably described and extensively reported. In concluding an excellent address, BRO. ASHLEY says:

"My work for the year is done, and my report of the same is before you. I can only hope that it will meet your approval. You did not expect perfection in me. My shortcomings are evident, and I am conscious of errors made. Yet, I can only plead that I have given most fully of time, of strength, of devotion. In fact, I have done all in my power to conserve and advance the interests of the greatest of human brotherhoods. Whatever of success I may have had in serving you has come largely from the loving loyalty of the brethren of Illinois. I have leaned upon your strong arm and you have not failed me. Good fellowship has prevailed and I have felt its power. When it has been necessary to show a little of the rigors of the law in discipline, it has been a source of greatest regret and sorrow to me. I have only acted from the strictest sense of duty. I only hope you may feel that I have done what I could."

The Masonic correspondence fills 249 pages, and is written by BRO. OWEN SCOTT. New York covers seven pages in this report, with some quotations from Grand Master SAWYER's address, and comments favorably of this Grand Lodge and our own committee.

Illinois has 777 Lodges and 101,692 members.

M. W. ALBERT B. ASHLEY (*Decatur*), Grand Master.

R. W. ISAAC CUTTER (*Camp Point*), Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA.

89th Communication.

INDIANAPOLIS.

May 24, 1910.

Grand Lodge was convened by Acting Grand Master R. W. WILLIAM RIDLEY, and opened in Ample Form. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The Grand Secretary announced the resignation of WILLIAM H. MARKER as Grand Master, and read the circular letter addressed to the Lodges at the time of such resignation.

Whereupon Past Grand Master EDWARD O'ROURKE offered the following:

Recognizing the fact that WILLIAM H. MARKER, who was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge last year, has tendered his resignation, I move that the matter of his resignation be referred to a committee of three, to report thereon.

The Acting Grand Master then read the opening address, which was a good paper, containing the work and progress made by the good brethren of this Grand Lodge. He says:

"With a high personal regard and a warm feeling of friendship and brotherly love for you all, I bid you welcome, and greet you as brethren, charged with the important duty of representing the Masonic Lodges of this Jurisdiction in the transaction of the business of this session of the Grand Lodge. Your ability and fitness for the duties before you are manifested by your selection as Masters of your respective Lodges. No

stronger certificate of qualifications, or higher commendation of personal qualities can be given one than that conferred upon him in his election to preside over a Masonic Lodge."

"We have every reason to speak with pride of the splendid condition of the Fraternity at this time and the progress it has made in this Jurisdiction in the year closing. There are no cases of dissension among the Lodges to report, but, on the contrary, peace and harmony prevail. A majority of our Subordinate Lodges are enjoying a period of growth and prosperity that is very gratifying, and much interest is being shown by the membership."

BRO. RIDLEY speaks affectionately of the dead, and mentions especially Past Grand Master DANIEL NOYES, of Indiana, and pays tribute to the 784 brethren who have crossed the mystic divide. Four new Lodges were instituted, and one was duly constituted. He proceeds to recount the dedications, corner-stone layings, and the many dispensations granted. The decisions are few, but answered fully and are mostly of local import.

New York is quoted on six pages of the Correspondence Committee's report, written by Past Grand Master DANIEL McDONALD. He gives considerable space to some of the good things said by our Grand Master, BRO. SAWYER. This distinguished writer also gives much space to the making of BRO. TAFT, though less concerned by the event itself as by the authority of Grand Masters to make Masons at sight. The report of this Committee, the brother says, is an "abbreviated document." We must be brief. Let the brother look at our book of 1910.

Indiana has 536 Lodges, with 54,710 members.

M. W. WILLIAM RIDLEY (*Corydon*), Grand Master.

R. W. CALVIN W. PRATHER (*Indianapolis*), Grand Secretary.

## IOWA.

67th Communication.

WATERLOO.

June 14, 1910.

Public exercises preceded the opening of this Grand Lodge. A large number of citizens, members of the Fraternity and of the Order of Eastern Star, were present. An address of welcome by BRO. TURNER was responded to by the Grand Master. There was music and singing by a quartette. When this was closed, the Grand Lodge was purged, and after invocation by the Grand Chaplain, BRO. and REV. H. H. GREENE, M. W. DAVID W. CLEMENTS opened the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in the presence of fourteen Past Grand Masters and representatives of others, and a full attendance of his own Jurisdiction. His address opens:

"You are assembled as the representatives of an army in this commonwealth, standing beside a great multitude elsewhere engaging in a united effort to make men wiser, better, and consequently happier. Thereby is promoted the safety and welfare of every community where this beneficial influence extends. Our order appeals to the intellect as well as to the affections of men, and by the logic of its language and the self-evident truth of its precepts, seeks to convince the mind and lead it to adopt the high moral principles of the Fraternity. Our order

enthrones truth as a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue, to be good men and true, is the lesson early taught our postulants and most deeply impressed upon the memory of the brethren. There, too, is emphasized another lesson, that right is might; and that when we do our duty, with truth and justice as the standard of our conduct, we need fear no evil."

Of documentary evidence, he has this to say:

"When an artisan claims to possess knowledge and qualifications for certain work, the fact that he has documents to show that he can do the work does not influence a master. He puts the man at work and tests him practically, by requiring him to exhibit the knowledge he has stored away in his gray matter. So with Freemasons. The evidence stored away in the brain when one has been made a Freemason regularly is far superior and more convincing than that carried in the pocket."

Three Lodges were constituted, and two were newly formed. Many dispensations were granted, and many refused. Eight decisions are reported, all soundly explained and answered according to Grand Lodge law and usage. We quote one:

"Fifth. A by-law of a Lodge provided that: 'When any member shall have paid dues to this Lodge for twenty years, his name shall be placed on the life membership list, and he shall be exempt from the further payment of any dues. The Secretary shall issue such members a certificate properly filled out and signed by the Worshipful Master.'

"The Master informed me that out of a total membership of 67, 22 had been placed on the retired list and paid only Grand Lodge dues. He wished to know whether the payment of Lodge dues by these brothers was obligatory, notwithstanding the by-law.

"Held that the Lodge must collect dues from all its members, except those remitted for inability to pay."

Corner-stones were laid, halls dedicated, visits made—all this is recited in the address, which is a good, concise, business paper. The committee to consider the readoption of Grand Representatives reported adversely, which report was adopted.

The Correspondent Report, by Bro. LOUIS BLOCK, gives New York five pages of courteous notice, quotes some of Bro. SAWYER's passages, and speaks favorably of this committee. He also quotes from our good Bro. VAN DE WATER's report. The entire book, as usual, shows the master hand of the Grand Secretary of Iowa.

We find here 620 Lodges, with 42,612 members.

M. W. FREDERICK W. CRAIG (*Des Moines*), Grand Master.

R. W. NEWTON R. PARVIN (*Cedar Rapids*), Grand Secretary.

## KANSAS.

55th Communication.

KANSAS CITY.

February 15, 1911.

M. W. MARION K. BRUNDAGE, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge after prayer by the Rev. BRUCE GRIFFITH, Grand Chaplain. Grand Master BIGGER, of Missouri, accompanied by several Past Grand Masters, visited and graced the East. Twelve Past Grand Masters of

Kansas were also in the East. M. W. MAURICE L. STONE represented New York.

The Grand Master's address covers twenty-one pages, and it also covers the ground, giving a thorough survey of his own doings, as well as the status of the Craft in "little" Kansas. He says at the opening:

"We are meeting to-day near the spot where the first sound of a gavel was ever heard in a Masonic Lodge on Kansas soil and at the home of the first Lodge congregated within her borders. Kansas Lodge No. 153, now Wyandotte No. 3, was granted a dispensation by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri August 4, 1854, and on August 11th of the same year held its first meeting at some point within the corporate limits of this city. Their charter was granted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri in May, 1855, thus antedating the origin of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by ten months, and antedating the birth of Kansas as a State by over five years."

And:

"The history of those earlier days is too well known and the great strides of development too recent to warrant a review here, but the sentiment suggested by this mere reference to them leads us to assert that the world is progressing and growing better day by day, regardless of the wall of a few unfortunate pessimists and those of doubtful digestion. In honor and character, men are growing in stature and the girth of their generosity and charity, in thought as well as in deed, is expanding; fear and doubt are fast being supplanted by a wholesome self-mastery, self-confidence and an unflinching faith; the body politic is being purified and a higher standard is being demanded in all business, both public and private; noble men and women are giving the best of their rich endowment of mind and heart for the improvement of social conditions; unlimited wealth is being donated for great charities, for the advancement of science, and for the establishment of peace, industrially and between nations, while every multiplying associations and societies throughout the broad land are doing heroic work in reclaiming the less fortunate and providing for them opportunities to become useful members of society."

Recites his visits, corner-stone layings, appointments made. Anent Valle de Mexico, this Grand Lodge has decided opinions and

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kansas continues the Masonic fraternal relations heretofore and now existing with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, of which body M. W. JOSE J. REYNOSO is Grand Master, and R. W. WILLIAM THOMPSON is Grand Secretary, and that a duly certified copy of this resolution, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Kansas be transmitted to R. W. WILLIAM THOMPSON, Grand Secretary, by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Kansas."

BRO. MATTHEW M. MILLER, Past Grand Master, writes an excellent report on correspondence, citing New York on three pages.

Kansas has 394 Lodges and 35,496 members.

M. W. ALEX. A. SHARP (*Topeka*), Grand Master.

R. W. ALBERT K. WILSON (*Topeka*), Grand Secretary.

**KENTUCKY.***110th Communication.**LOUISVILLE.**October 18, 1910.*

M. W. JOHN H. COWLES, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form. Twenty Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master's address covers twenty-six pages. In the opening he says:

"The bountiful mercy and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe has permitted us again to assemble in annual session, to review the past and to provide for the future. It is a distinctive pleasure to meet and greet you at this, the One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and I do so most heartily. One hundred and ten years is a long time relatively, yet the history of those years proclaim that honor and duty have been the pole stars of Masonry through this long period, and that no stain of dishonor has ever rested upon its banner. Let our prayer be that it shall ever so continue unto the end."

He speaks reverently and feelingly of the dead, mentioning Past Grand Master JOHN ALEXANDER RAMSEY and Past Grand Chaplain REV. JAMES W. ROGERS; thoroughly discusses and reports the doings of his very busy year. Many dispensations were granted, and many refused, all for good and sufficient reasons. Corner-stones were laid, visits made, dedications were held, and all Masonic functions performed are recorded. He urges the brethren to visit the homes, also mentions the conferences of Grand Masters, recommends the plan to erect a Masonic hospital. In conclusion, he says:

"Everywhere and always I was received with hearty welcome, treated with the greatest consideration, and shown every courtesy. It has been a delightful year for me, one never to be forgotten, and in laying down the gavel and returning to you the standard placed in my hands one year ago, I do so with a heart full of love and gratitude to you each and every one, hoping that I have pleased you and served you well and faithfully, but, if not, with the self-consciousness that I have done my level best."

In the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges, as our committee is appropriately called, New York is quoted on five pages. Grand Master SAWYER's address is praised, and much of it is quoted. Also quotes much of the report of this committee, especially anent recognition of new so-called Grand Lodges. Upon this matter the comment is:

"The principles declared by the committee are fundamental and sound, and the Order generally is to be congratulated that this great Jurisdiction is adhering so closely to them."

This able report is written by Past Grand Master M. W. BAO. WILLIAM W. CLARKE.

"Old Kentuck" has 557 Lodges and 35,983 members.

M. W. ROBERT R. BURNAM (*Richmond*), Grand Master.

R. W. H. B. GRANT (*Louisville*), Grand Secretary.

**LOUISIANA.***98th Communication.**NEW ORLEANS.**February 14, 1910.*

M. W. LEE E. THOMAS, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form, surrounded by all the Grand Officers except the Grand Senior Warden. There were seven Past Grand Masters present.

The address of the Grand Master covers fifty-four pages. He says:

"The principles and teachings of our institution should be deeply engraved on every Mason's heart. We are too prone to think that when we have completed the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising, we have performed our whole duty. The esoteric work, my brethren, is merely the shell that encloses the kernel of truth we desire to have inculcated and written in every Mason's heart. The ceremonial is merely the gauze through which the novitiate is made to see his benign Heavenly Father."

He reports that the Craft in his State is in good and harmonious condition, and that "all is well." Four new Lodges were erected. He speaks well of the Board of Relief, speaks sadly and reverently of the dead, especially Past Grand Master BRO. EDWIN MARKS, and Grand Senior Warden JOHN PERLESTON.

Numerous dispensations for all sorts of things were granted, to install officers, elect others, and to confer the three degrees in one evening. Seventy-seven decisions are reported, 95 per cent. so simple that all could have been answered by W. M. We quote:

"No. 11. In reply to an inquiry, I wrote that a member of our Order who was a Treasurer of a W. O. W. Lodge, and who had defaulted, could have charges preferred against him in our Order and be tried for the same, and that I did not consider it a violation of one's obligations to decline to testify against a brother guilty of such an offense. It is not the purpose of Masonry to harbor criminals, and the obligations of our Order furnish no cloak to hide the evidences of guilt. If there is one truth above all others that Masonry teaches, it is that we shall be law-abiding citizens, and not protect those who violate the laws of their country. When they commit crime, they place themselves outside of the pale of our Masonic duty.

"No. 50. In reply to an inquiry, I ruled that no Mason had a right to appeal to a brother Mason to use his influence as such to get a convicted criminal pardoned, or to assist in any way in not getting him convicted. There is no such obligation anywhere in Masonry. It is not our duty in any sense to protect criminals, and I believe the Mason who does so is not only disloyal to our constituted authorities, but does incalculable injury to the Craft.

"No. 60. A brother submitted a blank petition for the degrees of Freemasonry for my inspection, in which was a blank space, requiring the applicant to specify his religious creed. I ruled that such a petition was illegal, and that the Lodge had no right to require of any candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry to specify to what church he belonged or acknowledged allegiance. I do not believe it is consistent with the charge given to the candidate to require him to specify his church preference, and the form of petition that is in general use does not make any such requirement."

The Grand Master minutely describes his many official acts, and, in conclusion, recommends that a committee be appointed to select a site for a Masonic Home.

R. W. EMILE FRANKEL, member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, being in the Grand Lodge room, was introduced to the Grand Lodge by the REV. DR. HERMAN COPE DUNCAN, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the State of Louisiana, and invited to a seat in the Grand East by the M. W. Grand Master.

New York is mentioned on four pages, quoting liberally from BRO. SAWYER's address, and giving due credit to the report of this committee.

This Grand Lodge has 204 Lodges and 13,014 members.

M. W. JOHN S. THIBAUT (*Donaldsonville*), Grand Master.

R. W. RICHARD LAMBERT (*New Orleans*), Grand Secretary.

## MAINE.

91st Communication.

PORTLAND.

May 3, 1910.

M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge with prayer by REV. BRO. WM. H. FULZ, Grand Chaplain. Eight Past Grand Masters were present, New York being represented by Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR.

The Grand Master opens with:

"With the opening of this ninety-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge another mile stone in our Masonic lives has been reached, and we are assembled here to-day to give an account of our works for the year last past, and to commence afresh the duties of another year. That this communication will be one of pleasure to you, that you will enjoy fraternal fellowship here to-day, and that all our actions may be worthy of the great institution we represent, is my earnest prayer, and by the blessing of the Great Ruler of the Universe may our labors be blessed and all our works tend to His glory and the advancement of Masonry."

Then plunges right into business, recites his doings, his dispensations for various reasons granted, waivers of jurisdiction, dedications, cornerstone layings, and all that comes before a busy Grand Master of a busy Grand Lodge. Of decisions he says:

"Many questions have been asked during the past year, and I have answered all. While it is true that these questions could have been answered by referring to the Constitution, the Masonic Text Book, or to the decisions of former Grand Masters, I think the brethren feel better satisfied if the answer comes from one with authority to answer them. No decision has been made during the year, as none of the questions asked called for any special interpretation of masonic law. I might add if more questions were asked less trouble would arise, for when in doubt ask and find out."

Past Grand Master ALBRO E. CHASE is the reviewer of the doings of other Grand Lodges; he quotes New York on two pages, and reproduces some of the gems of our Grand Master SAWYER.

Maine has 203 Lodges and 28,328 members.

M. W. and REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH (*Belfast*), Grand Master.

R. W. STEPHEN BERRY (*Portland*), Grand Secretary.

**MARYLAND.***123d Communication.**BALTIMORE.**November 16, 1909.*

On May 11, 1909, the 244th Semi-annual Communication was held in Baltimore, at which much important business was transacted, the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the several Committees were read and adopted. The new Temple, rebuilt after the disastrous fire, was turned over to the Grand Lodge with impressive ceremonies, with prayer, music, and singing.

P. S. G. W. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Masonic Historian of Maryland, read a most interesting resumé of the several Homes of this Grand Lodge, beginning from the 31st day of July, 1783, to the present day. By invitation Grand Master of Pennsylvania, BRO. GEORGE B. ORLADY, delivered an instructive ovation.

At the annual meeting in November it was stated that Grand Master THOMAS, of Shryock, will enter upon his twenty-fifth year as Grand Master of Maryland. A Committee was appointed to prepare suitable ceremony to celebrate this interesting event.

Many distinguished visitors attended this meeting from many States. Our own Grand Master, M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, was present and ROBT. J. KENWORTHY, D. G. M.; HON. CHAS. SMITH, S. G. W.; WM. H. MILLER, Grand Treasurer; EDW. M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, and EDW. C. EHLERS, P. S. G. D.

The Grand Master in his address praises the Masters of Lodges, and says:

"I am quite sure that the Masters throughout the United States are not better posted in the law of Masonry than are the Masters of Maryland Lodges; and it is evidenced very strongly by the fact that within the last twenty odd years, I have not been called upon to make a single Masonic decision of any kind or character. This is simply because the Masters of our Lodges know the law and know it must be obeyed. This condition has been made possible by the Grand Lodge when it enacted the resolution, that, before a Master-elect could be installed as Master of the Lodge, he must pass a rigid examination as to his ability to confer the three degrees of Masonry in full and Ample Form; and, in addition, must pass a satisfactory examination as to the law of the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinate Lodges, and, further, the 23d Article of our Constitution, in which is embodied the entire law for the government of subordinate Lodges, must be read in full once every year in open Lodge; and thus, not only the Master, but the brethren generally, have become thoroughly posted as to the law.

"I have at times been amused, when reading the Committee Reports on Correspondence of many of our sister Grand Lodges, in reviewing our Grand Lodge proceedings, to learn that they were surprised that the Grand Master of Maryland did not report his Masonic decisions. Little did they know that the knowledge and intelligence of the Masters of the Maryland Lodges were so thorough as to make it unnecessary to call upon the Grand Master for repeated decisions on the simple points of Masonic law. I have never had the opportunity heretofore of telling them that the reason the decisions of the Grand Master of Maryland



were not reported was because he was not called upon to make any, and it gives me pleasure to have this opportunity to enlighten them."

Many of the distinguished visitors addressed the Grand Lodge. M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. REV. SAWYER made a brief and interesting speech.

The circular sent out by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, anent the evil of "cipher rituals," received earnest attention, and the Committee report these resolutions:

*"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland is in full and hearty sympathy with the principles and sentiments expressed by the M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. Grand Lodge of Tennessee in the address issued by it to the Masonic Fraternity, condemning the use of cipher rituals.*

*"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland fraternally, but earnestly urges the sister Grand Lodges who have authorized the publication and use of cipher rituals to rescind such action and prohibit the further use of the same in their respective Jurisdictions.*

*"Resolved, That all Grand Lodges who are opposed to the use of such rituals be urged to unite with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in condemning and protesting against the use of cipher rituals.*

*"Resolved, That six copies of this special report be sent to each Grand Lodge with which we are in Fraternal Correspondence, for the use of the Grand Masters and the Committees on Jurisprudence and Correspondence."*

This Grand Lodge expressed itself again on the "Making Masons at sight."

"4. We again recognize the prerogative of the Grand Master 'To Make Masons at Sight,' which has ever been commended by this Grand Lodge and is considered by us as a 'Landmark.'"

#### *124th Communication.*

*November 15, 1910.*

Semi-annual meetings had been held, at which much important business was transacted. There were also two specials held. Among the visitors at the annual were: M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. BRO. WILLIAM B. MCHESNEY, M. W. Grand Master of Virginia; M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. BRO. R. T. W. DUKE, JR., Past Grand Master of Virginia; R.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. BRO. HENRY K. FIELD, Junior Grand Deacon of Virginia; W.<sup>c</sup>. BRO. CHARLES H. CALLAHAN, Worshipful Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22 of Virginia.

Addresses were made by all the above distinguished brethren. All spoke of the proposed memorial to Washington. A bas-relief of Grand Master SHRYOCK was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies, in grateful appreciation of his long service in the Craft and of his twenty-five years as Grand Master of Maryland. He was presented with a beautiful and artistic loving cup of unique design, and of very unique material. Every member of the Craft was asked to contribute some metallic substance, not to exceed one dollar in value; out of this the cup was cast and presented to the Most Worshipful Brother. The Grand Lodge was stirred by great enthusiasm on this occasion, showing the love and esteem for their Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence is by the scholarly writer, BRO. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ. He gives New York three pages of favorable notice. Maryland has 114 Lodges and 13,468 members.

M.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. THOMAS SHRYOCK (*Baltimore*), Grand Master.

R.<sup>c</sup>. W.<sup>c</sup>. GEORGE COOK (*Baltimore*), Grand Secretary.

**MASSACHUSETTS.***176th Communication.**BOSTON.**December 28, 1909.*

As is usual in this ancient Grand Lodge, many meetings were held: Quarterly, March 10, June 9, September 8, December 8; Specials, May 31, July 24, September 15-17, October 3-25, November 15-22, and the Stated on December 28, Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

The saddest of all these meetings was the one when the death of the Grand Old Man of Massachusetts, M. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, was announced. This Jurisdiction lost a faithful and earnest laborer, and American Masonry a distinguished and valuable Craftsman. He entered the Grand Lodge in 1860, and was continually active to the day of death. He was Grand Secretary from 1881 to 1908. He passed away November 6, 1909. Well says the Committee:

"He was zealous in maintaining the high moral character and standing of our Institution; and, as to other orders in Masonry, and the tendency of some of the Lodges, he had little respect for those whose devotion to the Fraternity consisted in making the 'banquet and the parade' its chief end; he ever preached quality rather than quantity, and principles rather than men, and it is reasonable to say that no one man in our Jurisdiction in his day and generation has performed more important or larger Masonic work than BRO. NICKERSON. He has left us a heritage, both in material and example, of which we can be justly proud; and his life of industry, honesty and patience will ever live in our memories as the synonym of integrity of character and noble purpose."

The Grand Master, M. W. DANA, of Flanders, in his opening address, says:

"I am pleased to welcome you to this, our one hundred and seventy-sixth Annual Communication, with the assurance that we all have much to be thankful for, and to render our united gratitude to the Supreme Architect for His goodness.

"The routine affairs of the Grand Lodge have moved on harmoniously, and the new matters which have required the attention of the Grand Master will be treated under their appropriate titles."

He recites with evident pleasure the many visits made, calls attention to the Conferences of Grand Masters. Two new Lodges were erected by dispensation. The reports all show that the Grand Lodge is harmonious and prosperous and moves along with the dignity to be expected from this venerable grand body at its one hundred and seventy-sixth annual meeting.

"The Grand Feast" is the annual event here, and is always celebrated with great gusto. The best of oratorical art is set before the brethren. Lack of space only keeps us from quoting some of the gems brought before the feasters. The speakers were Past Grand Master GALLAGHER, REV. BROS. HORTON and HAMILTON, WINSLOW and others.

This Grand Lodge has 241 Lodges under its Jurisdiction, of which 3 are in China and 3 in Chile. The membership in August, 1909, was 56,198.

M. W. DANA J. FLANDERS (*Malden*), Grand Master.

R. W. THOMAS W. DAVIS (*Boston*), Grand Secretary.

**MICHIGAN.***66th Communication.**SAGINAW.**May 24, 1910.*

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M. W. Grand Master ARTHUR M. HUME, and his associate Grand Officers.

The Grand Chaplain led the brethren in prayer, and the Grand Master proclaimed the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan opened for the dispatch of the business of the sixty-sixth annual communication.

His Honor, DR. GEORGE W. SPENCER, mayor of the City of Saginaw, then addressed the Grand Lodge, extending a cordial invitation to all of its officers and representatives to the hospitalities of the city, during their sojourn there.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made a suitable response of appreciation.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. New York was represented by one of them, BRO. FRANK C. GILBERT.

The Grand Master begins his address with:

"As the representatives of more than sixty thousand of the best of Michigan's loyal and sturdy citizenship, we have assembled in our Annual Communication as Masons and brethren, to consider those matters essential to the welfare of our beloved Craft, and through it, the promotion of the well-being of our communities, our State, and our country. A steady adherence to the sublime principles of our fraternity implies that thereby we become better men, better Masons, better and broader citizens, all united in a common effort to promote that great, hopeful, helpful fraternity, the Brotherhood of Man."

He sadly calls the names of those gone before, and offers praise and thanks that their own ranks remain unbroken. Four new Lodges were erected, and seven were duly constituted. The Grand Master recounts his many official doings, laying of corner-stones, dedication, official visits, and even baptism of seven Masonic babies. The Home which had been destroyed by fire presented a serious problem, and the Grand Master in forceful words admonished the brethren of the State to do something to erect a Home and do it now, and closes his excellent address with:

**"OUR CREED."**

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me,  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer,  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

"I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift.  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness,  
I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift."

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, New York appears on six pages, quoting much of BRO. SAWYER'S address, speaking of the children at our Home, also quotes from the report of this Committee. The entire report of this Committee by Past Grand Master

WINSOR is excellent. We cannot refrain from quoting the law of this Grand Lodge anent the Committee on Correspondence, because it is so much in harmony with the policy of our own Grand Lodge, though not embodied in our law:

"The Grand Secretary shall also be *ex-officio* a Committee on Correspondence, and it shall be his duty to examine the correspondence and reports from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge."

"The Committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the Committee upon Decisions, Laws and Regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

This Grand Lodge has 416 Lodges, and a membership of 63,022; the largest Lodge has 1,467 members; the smallest, 20.

M. W. G. ROSCOE SWIFT (*Adrian*), Grand Master.

R. W. LOU B. WINSOR (*Reed City*), Grand Secretary.

## MINNESOTA.

56th Communication.

ST. PAUL.

January 19, 1910.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by Grand Master EUGENE E. LEVAN, BRO. HENRY NOBBS, Grand Chaplain, offering prayer. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present. BRO. WILLIAM C. ODELL answered for New York.

Without any attempt at any long-drawn-out oratory, the Grand Master plunges right into business. Only five decisions are reported, cornerstones were laid, dedications held, and many official acts are recorded; recounts sadly and reverently the number of deaths in the several Lodges. He says:

"I have given my time and attention to the office, have tried to answer all questions promptly and to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I have at all times sought to do that which I considered right and which was for the best interests of the Craft.

"In returning to you the gavel of authority which you placed in my hands one year ago, permit me to thank you sincerely for the great honor you have conferred upon me. To be Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction is an honor that will ever be to me a pleasant memory."

New York is courteously mentioned on three pages by BRO. IRVING TODD. This Grand Lodge is at peace and harmony, and, from the accounts given, is progressing well and favorably.

We find they have 251 Lodges, with 24,944 members.

M. W. WILLIAM B. PATTON (*Duluth*), Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN FISHEL (*St. Paul*), Grand Secretary.

**MISSISSIPPI.***92d Communication.**COLUMBUS.**February 15, 1910.*

On the morning of the day of meeting a public reception was held in a court-room with the following program:

Invocation.....REV. BRO. T. W. LEWIS  
 Music—(a) Mary, Mary.....Farmer  
                   Funiculi, Funicula .....Denza  
                   I. I. and C. Glee Club.  
 Address—Welcome from Columbus.....  
                   .....BRO., the HON. E. S. DONNELL, Mayor  
 Music—Mississippi .....MRS. JOHN P. MAYO  
                   MISS JEWEL CROWE and Glee Club.  
 Address—Welcome from Columbus Lodge, No. 5....BRO. JOHN P. MAYO  
 Music—Solo ..... Selected  
                   MISS BROWN.

**ADDRESSES.**

Response to Addresses of Welcome, HON. WILEY H. CLIFTON, Grand Master, and HON. WM. A. ROANE, Past Grand Master.

Music—Lullaby ..... Nevin  
                   Glee Club.

Benediction.....REV. BRO. J. J. HILL

At noon the Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Lodge officers and Committees, and M. W. Grand Master WILEY H. CLIFTON opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form, assisted by all the Grand Lodge officers and thirteen Past Grand Masters, R. W. JAMES J. HILL representing New York.

The Grand Master begins his address with:

"BRETHREN—We have assembled in our Annual Stated Communication for the purpose of taking an account of the past year's work and making provision to prosecute our labors and meet our responsibilities for a new year. We have had much to be thankful for, both when we look to what has been accomplished, and to the protecting care vouchsafed to us whose lives have been spared, and the many blessings bestowed, both temporal and spiritual, by Almighty God whom we as Masons have always worshipped. It has been a year marked by intensive work by the officers and brethren of the Craft; and work along educational lines which, as I understand, is the most important labor that Ancient Craft Masonry can engage in. When we stop to consider the great religious and moral truths to be found and taught in the science of Symbolic Masonry, and that this science has been builded up and preserved through the Ritual, then how important must it be to have in this Jurisdiction a membership educated in this Ritual. Not only to be able to teach this Ritual accurately, but also to know and teach the great religious truths therein contained, and that, too, through the symbols which so beautifully and forcibly represent this unique religious and philosophical science."

The address is short and concise. Many dispensations were granted and mostly for balloting and conferring degrees "out of time." Few

were refused. The Grand Master congratulates the brethren upon the report of the District Deputies, that "never before in the history of Mississippi were there ever so many educated Masons as now." He mournfully mentions the departed of his own and sister Jurisdictions. Recounts the official visits, all of which he enjoyed, and says:

"This is one of the most pleasant duties that a Grand Master of Masons can discharge, and the Grand Master who fails to encourage the social features of Masonry by omitting to go in and out among the Local Lodges and feel the thrill of that loyal homage and love which the brethren universally extend to the high office he represents can never know how much real happiness he has missed."

He mentions with pride and satisfaction his several visits to the Home, which he reports to be in excellent condition. Only seven decisions are given, all of local interest only, and answered according to Masonic law and usage.

Grand Secretary FREDERIC SPEED calls attention to the many Lodges that have gone out of existence, and warns Grand Masters not to grant too many charters or dispensations for more Lodges.

New York is quoted on four pages by the Correspondence Committee, quotes our report entire, and reproduces much of Grand Master SAWYER's address.

Altogether, Mississippi seems to be "hale, whole, and hearty," and the address by the Grand Master, the report of BRO. SPEED and of BRO. HOWARDS reads up well. The latter says in his conclusion:

"Ever since we began writing the Correspondence Report, we have wondered whether all the time spent by the reporter and all the money paid for the report by Grand Lodge make one more reader of the Correspondence.

"Surely the Mason who never knows what is going on in the Masonic world is behind the procession by several miles. But how to make him read and expound the law, study the reports and be up to date is a great question.

"The Craft as a whole shows abundant growth, and very little evidence of disturbance anywhere.

"The workmen drop, and their names are soon forgotten, but the work goes on, until the designs upon the trestle board shall be finished.

"Some discussion followed the making of President Taft a Mason at sight, and in Texas it waxed rather warm. Some think it was toadyism on the part of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; others think it was the Grand Master's prerogative, pure and simple.

"Another matter that is new is whether a Shrine should be allowed to meet in a Lodge room, as it is not a Masonic body.

"Still with us are such questions as perpetual jurisdiction, the formation of a National Grand Lodge, the legitimacy of the Scottish Rite, the use of the Cipher Ritual, and the recognition of the 'Alpina Schweizer Logenbund.'

"Long may they give us food for the Grand Lodge reporters."

We have here 349 Lodges, and 17,122 members.

M. W. WALTER M. CONNER (*Hattiesburg*), Grand Master.

R. W. FREDERIC SPEED (*Vicksburg*), Grand Secretary.

## MISSOURI.

90th Communication.

ST. LOUIS.

September 27, 1910.

M. W. WILLIAM A. HALL, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge, after divine blessing was invoked by R. W. BRO. REV. JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"MY BRETHREN—I realize very keenly to-day that, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Old State of Missouri, I occupy one of the most honorable positions which men can by any possibility be called to fill. And the consciousness of personal unworthiness, while it certainly magnifies my humility, does in no wise depreciate the gratification I feel in having received this distinction by the suffrages of such a body of men as I see before me. A body representing in itself and its constituency every shade of social and material condition, from the patrician to the yeoman, from the millionaire to the humble toiler for bread; representing every phase of political opinion and every possible variety of religious thought, from the strictest expression of orthodoxy to the wildest liberalism of the advanced thinker, and yet all united in appreciation of the two greatest divinest facts possible to the human mind—the Grand Master of the Universe as a Father and a Friend, and every man, everywhere, as a Brother. And doubtless nowhere could a representative body in like numbers be gathered possessing more of true, genuine manhood, of high moral character and dignity, than is before me to-day."

He speaks mournfully of the distinguished dead, describes in glowing terms the excellent condition of the Craft in the Jurisdiction, speaks of the visits made, also mentions the Conference of Grand Masters. Of the remission of dues, he says:

"I would not be considered as criticizing, even in the slightest measure, the most obscure Lodge or individual brother in our Jurisdiction, but I deem it a duty to call attention to the growing frequency of remission of dues, in many cases unnecessarily, and often without any warrant whatever, either in law or reason. It is perfectly competent for a Lodge to remit the dues of a worthy brother and, if really in need, to assist him to any extent possible to its treasury; but no individual Lodge should consider itself authorized to bestow benefits at the expense of the Grand Lodge or the Masonic Home. Under our present system every such case subtracts from the income of that great and noble monument to Missouri Freemasonry seventy-five cents. The revenues of the Grand Lodge should be more strictly guarded at this point and unless an admonitory deliverance of the Grand Lodge is sufficient I believe it will be necessary to use some drastic measure to correct this evil which now depreciates our Grand Lodge income by hundreds of dollars."

Four new Lodges were erected, and seven were set at work under the law. He speaks lovingly and most enthusiastically of the Masonic Home:

"Not to be loyal to the Masonic Home and profoundly interested in all that affects it for good or ill would be to confess one's self unworthy of the proud distinction of a Missouri Freemason. The Home, conceived in the heart and brain and builded and fostered by the strong hands of the noblest among us, many of whom have already entered

into the reward that awaits the faithful Craftsman on high. The Home, in all that it proposes and represents, ought to be enshrined in every Masonic heart. We have visited the Home at various times, not as a duty only, but as a privilege, and it is a joy to report its continued prosperity."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by BRO. C. C. WOODS, gives New York three pages of courteous review.

This Jurisdiction has 607 Lodges, and 51,086 members.

M. W. CLAY C. BIGGER (*Laclede*), Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN R. PARSON (*Saint Louis*), Grand Secretary.

## MONTANA.

45th Communication.

BUTTE.

September 15, 1909.

M. W. C. B. NOLAN, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance. M. W. LEW L. CALLAWAY, Past Grand Master, represented New York.

The address of the Grand Master covers only eleven pages, but says a great deal in small space. In the opening he says:

"We live in an age of great achievements and possibilities. In every department of human activity, feats are accomplished heretofore deemed impossible, so that admiration gives way to astonishment. The earth, the air and the sea, as never before, are made completely subservient to man's wishes. Time and space, as if by omnipotent fiat, through the discoveries of modern times, have suffered annihilation, and so rapid do these achievements follow each other that the wonder of to-day becomes the commonplace of to-morrow. Great and rapid as is this material movement, equally great and rapid is the development of the moral and ethical side of man and moral and ethical development, as inevitably as day follows night, gives to Masonry vigor and potentiality. It is needless to tell you, under the conditions depicted, Masonry is not inert or inactive. Never before in its history has it applied itself more diligently to the task of justifying its claims for favorable universal recognition. In every land where its banner floats, institutions eleemosynary in character exist and flourish through which its God-like principles find expression."

He speaks of laying corner-stones, dedications, and all that comes under the busy eye of an active worker in the Grand East. Of the ballot he says:

"Application was presented for authority to order reballoting for a candidate who had been rejected by the deposit of one black ball. It appeared that the person casting the black ball was actuated by improper influences. I would not refer to this matter at all were it not that I desire to bring into prominence the enormity of the wrong done to the Lodge and the applicant by such conduct. The secrecy of the ballot is one of the strongest safeguards which Masonry possesses, and as it is a weapon of such strength and efficacy, its use in the proper manner is of vital importance. The deposit of a black ball to wreak personal spite discloses a nature too base to be conceived of, and no punishment can be considered too severe to inflict upon the offender. The sentiment which actuates the wrong-doer is the sentiment of the assassin, and his connection with the Lodge is indeed a misfortune. I am pleased



to note that the case in question is isolated, and that in all instances where rejections have occurred, they are the result 'of the deliberate judgment of the brothers based upon a purpose' to subserve the best interests of the Lodge."

We quote above because it is of general interest and holds good everywhere. The foreign correspondence is by BRO. H. S. HEPNER. He quotes New York pleasantly, and calls our Grand Secretary: "The best that ever was." Here, too.

This State has 91 Lodges and 5,091 members.

M. W. JOHN L. CARROLL (*Butte*), Grand Master.

R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR. (*Helena*), Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA.

53d Communication.

OMAHA.

June 7, 1910.

This Grand Lodge was duly opened on above date by its M. W. Grand Master, MICHAEL DOWLING, who plunged right into business with an able address. He begins with:

"The passing of another year brings me before you with my task completed, my sheaves garnered and bound, and I offer them to you for your inspection and grading, hoping that you may be satisfied with the tillage and the yield, and that they may be graded No. 1.

"Let no one detect any personal vanity in these remarks, but only discern in them steady progress, grander possibilities, and a nearer approach to our ideals of the great institution of Masonry as it exists in our country to-day.

"It is indeed gratifying to extend cordial greetings and welcome to so large a gathering, at this our Fifty-third Annual Communication. We thank our Heavenly Father that the year has been pleasant and prosperous to a great degree, indicating the thorough cultivation of the Masonic soil by my predecessors. Few if any tares have appeared among the wheat, the field has been well gone over. In a few instances I think a fertilizer of charity, encouragement, and instruction would be beneficial. Taking all in all we have reason to felicitate ourselves upon Masonic conditions throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

"There is to my mind a higher conception of the principles of our Order and a more conscientious discharge of the ennobling duties evidenced to-day than ever before, which, entering into the warp and woof of our Masonic fabric, cannot fail to strengthen and beautify it until it may in the course of time, in a minute degree, approach the Pattern given us by the Divine Architect. If this contention is right, Masonry's opportunity is here; that which Masonry has stood for theoretically all through the past, let us begin to incorporate in our everyday lives."

The sad duty of remembering the dead was referred to the proper Committee, a faithful brother, who served this Grand Lodge for thirty-four years as Grand Tyler, BRO. JACOB KING, is kindly mentioned. The report on the Home is gratifying and well received. The Grand Master says: "That while this Home is managed by the Trustees, it is your Home, and belongs to the entire Fraternity. There will never be a time when the brethren will not be called upon to contribute to the Home,

and I do not believe the time will ever come when they will not cheerfully and willingly contribute all that may be necessary to maintain it so that it will be a pride to every Freemason in our Grand Jurisdiction."

He speaks of the "Specials," of the dedications, of constituting new Lodges, of dispensations to form others, of which there were five, of the latter to-wit, of forming new Lodges, he has this to say:

"My experience has taught me that there are too many lodges in existence that ought not to have been created. It is a simple matter to form a Masonic Lodge, but I have acted upon the theory that a lodge should not be formed unless there is more than a reasonable probability of its being chartered and continued as a prosperous lodge. A Masonic lodge should only be formed under conditions that will place it as the most complete fraternal organization in the city or town where it is located. Neither should a lodge be formed if by so doing it will destroy a Lodge already in existence. It requires some money, and much time and labor to maintain a Lodge, and unless the brethren are willing to give freely of all of these, they cannot reach the high plane upon which a Lodge should stand. While no fixed rule can be followed, there are certain requirements that I believe should be insisted upon before creating an organization that, if it does no good, may do much harm to the good name of Masonry."

New York is mentioned on two pages in the report of the Committee on Correspondence by BRO. CHARLES J. PHELPS.

Nebraska has 250 Lodges on its roster, and 17,886 members.

M. W. HARRY A. CHENEY (*Creighton*), Grand Master.

R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE (*Omaha*), Grand Secretary.

## NEVADA.

46th Communication.

RENO.

June 14, 1910.

Roll call showed every officer present and M. W. FRANK H. NORCROSS in the East, with ten Past Grand Masters. The Grand Lodge was duly opened with song by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master greets his brethren in his address, and says:

"It is fitting and in keeping with the teachings of the Craft, that before entering upon the general work of the Grand Lodge, we note that since our last Grand Communication, many of our brethren who were then in health and activity, have received the call to lay down the working tools of this life. Thus are we impressively reminded of one of the great lessons of our Order that all must suffer the humble levelling of the tomb, and that during the short and uncertain space allotted us here, we should wisely and usefully employ our time, and, in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts, mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other, that we at last may be deserving of the rewards of a just and well-spent life."

Past Grand Masters MICHAEL A. MURPHY and HORATIO S. MASON are especially mentioned.

Then he recites the work and doings of the year, the visits, official, informal and social, mentions his dispensations, appointments, etc. Decisions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who, in the

main, approve them. The address is a thorough business paper, and fully covers the ground of all the business before the body. New York is quoted on five pages. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is BRO. E. D. VANDERLIETH, who spread before his brethren an excellent report, with many sound views expressed and implied. His title is Grand Commissioner of Review, which fits the work well.

Nevada has 25 Lodges, and 1,681 members.

M.: W.: JAMES C. DOUGHTY (*Elko*), Grand Master.

V.: W.: C. N. NOTEWARE (*Carson City*), Grand Secretary.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*121st Communication.*

*CONCORD.*

*May 18, 1910.*

Specials were held, also a semi-annual on December 28, 1909. The Annual was opened on above date, May 18, by M.: W.: FREDERICK W. SAWYER, Grand Master, assisted by eight Past Grand Masters, one of whom represented New York, M.: W.: JOHN PENDER. From the Grand Master's address we quote only a few lines:

"Reverently we lift our minds for a moment to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, and worship Him under whose divine approval our beloved Order has existed so many, many years. Thankfully we praise Him under whose watchful care we live and move and have our being, for all the blessings and comforts we enjoy. Masonry is so closely interwoven with true religion in its foundations, its principles, and its teachings as to lead us to believe that the Great Creator is using it as a powerful instrument for the moral uplift of the world. How could it be otherwise, brethren, when Masonry is founded on the Holy Word of God, and when some of its most exalted inspirations are drawn from the same sacred source? Throughout the whole civilized world the influence of Masonry is being exerted to-day more than ever before. In its silent, mysterious workings it is constantly pleading for a more common brotherhood and for a purer and higher plane of living. The barriers which have for centuries divided men in their religious beliefs are gradually disappearing, and to-day we are beholding men rallying under one standard of righteousness, fighting for purity in all departments of life, and for the enlightenment of the masses who are still living in the darkness of ignorance."

He reverently speaks of the loved ones who departed this life, BROS. FRANK DANA WOODBURY, CHARLES HENRY BURNS, JAMES BELLOWES MCGREGOR, who was made a Mason in 1827, and others of his own and sister Jurisdictions; then recounts the dispensations granted, two to confer degrees "out of time," the corner-stone laying, dedications, installations, visits, etc. Of decisions he says:

"Of all the many questions which I have answered during the year, there are none which are of sufficient importance as to be called decisions. Most of them I have answered by simply calling attention to and explaining certain sections of the Grand Constitution. This is certainly an evidence of peace and harmony, and also that the officers of Lodges are becoming better posted as time goes on, on which this Grand Lodge may be congratulated."

The Committee on Fraternal Review, by BRO. HARRY M. CHENEY is

a good report. To New York he devotes four pages, quotes from our personal report to our Grand Lodge, and says of it:

"You will have to stay up late a good many nights to say anything of this sort that suits the New Hampshire writer any better. It will be a great advance toward the millennium when people mind their own business—and we want the word 'people' to be very inclusive."

New Hampshire has 80 Lodges, and 10,260 members.

M. W. EDWIN F. JONES (*Manchester*), Grand Master.

R. W. HARRY M. CHENEY (*Concord*), Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

123d Communication.

TRENTON.

April 20, 1910.

M. W. J. CLARENCE CONOVER, Grand Master in the East, assisted by twelve Past Grand Masters. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by R. W. and REV. ROBERT MACKELLAR, Grand Chaplain. New York was represented by Past Grand Master GEORGE W. FORTMEYER.

The Grand Master, after thanking the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred upon him and for the loyal and hearty support given him by all the brethren, read an excellent address. Among other good things, he says:

"As the Father of light, of life, and of love has shed His light on my path and guided my footsteps, so have I tried to fulfil this great trust, not, however, without the loving coöperation and wise counsel of as loyal and devoted a band of brothers as ever worked together for the maintenance and upbuilding of our glorious institution, to whom my heart goes out in thankfulness, appreciation, and gratitude."

"And have we performed the three duties, which, as Masons, we are charged to inculcate to God, to our neighbor, and to ourselves?"

"How have we impressed on mankind the lessons of the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice; of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which are kept constantly before us in the open Bible upon our altar?"

"How have we helped the needy and the orphan, and smoothed the pillow of suffering and death?"

"How have we fought the great hindering forces which are constantly retarding the growth of our splendid institution?"

"Bound by the highest and most sacred obligations of mortal man, what have we done during the year to suppress the crying evils of the day, of graft, avarice, and selfishness, so common in the mad rush for gain and place; of defiance of law and the evil spirit which snaps its fingers in the face of justice and thus threatens to undermine the very foundations of our civil government?"

"In this warfare, it must be confessed, we have all fallen below the standard of our Masonic obligations, but, nevertheless, I am not stating the case too broadly when I declare that the highest hope of our beloved country to-day, in its brave struggle against the evil forces of darkness, discontent and disorder, lies in the use of the powerful weapons of Masonry, in the hands of the faithful Craftsman, to whom should be accorded the highest praise ever given to man: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

Two new Lodges were formed under dispensation, and two were duly

constituted. The Grand Master reports many visits made at home and other Jurisdictions, corner-stone layings at Special Grand Lodge. Of decisions he says:

"During the year I have been called upon to make a large number of decisions, such as occasion seemed to require, but none that I now recall have settled any new question which should be reported to the Grand Lodge for its action thereon."

Of electioneering he has a pointed order, and calls it "intolerable practice," whether found in Lodge or Grand Lodge, and the sooner Masons set their faces against it and make the wire-pulling politicians ineligible to any Masonic advancement, the sooner will Masonry profit by it. Of the case in point, which brought forth the rebuke, he says:

"I have only one other case of discipline, or rather near discipline, to report. And I would not mention it at all, were it not to impress a useful lesson and guard against the recurrence of a most harmful and vicious practice, which I can find no words too strong to condemn.

"Perhaps I cannot do better than incorporate here a copy of the letter I sent on the subject to a Right Worshipful Brother District Deputy:

"I acknowledge receipt of various communications forwarded to me and made use of by some brethren for the election of officers recently, and am astonished that any brethren in our Jurisdiction should so far demean themselves and become subject to charges for unmasonic conduct and violation of Masonic law.

"I want to recall to them that Most Worshipful Bro. WALTER CHANDLER, Past Grand Master, in his address on March 20, 1906, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in the city of Trenton, decided that "The publication and distribution of printed circulars advocating the election of any brother is so contrary to the spirit of Masonry and the traditions of our Craft that its practice should be and is absolutely forbidden," which decision was approved by the Grand Lodge and thus became the law of this Jurisdiction.

"I cannot help thinking, however, and this is the charitable view to take, that these brethren who offended must have done so in ignorance of the law, and, while this is no excuse, I feel that a kind and fraternal warning against future offences in this regard will answer every purpose now, without subjecting the offenders to Masonic trial and discipline, with all the scars and unhappiness thereby left behind, which would surely follow a second offence.

"I absolutely agree with Past Grand Master CHANDLER in his ruling, when Grand Master, to which I have above referred."

Of the Home he speaks in great praise, and asks for a larger Committee to do more efficient work by dividing the burden.

New York is mentioned on five pages by the Correspondence Committee, and thus comments on the work of this Committee:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence by the usual Committee is, as usual, a crisply condensed review of other Jurisdictions, mainly destitute of personal remark, a lack which we think could be well supplied by Bros. SHERER, LOWENSTEIN, and FRENKEL. In a brief introduction the Committee note the 'minor' exceptions to the generally prevalent peace and harmony of the North American Craft, and, as we think, mistakenly identify the Ohio 'sight making' and the Mississippi discovery as such. They withhold comment in either case, because the Grand Lodge of New York 'has long since learned the important lesson to mind its own business, allowing others to mind theirs.'"

We find here 186 Lodges, and 31,424 members.

M. W. ALLTON H. SHERMAN (*Orange*), Grand Master.

R. W. BENJAMIN F. WAKEFIELD (*Trenton*), Grand Secretary.

## NEW MEXICO.

33d Communication.

ROSWELL.

October 17, 1910.

There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. FRANK JOHNSON, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal, preceded by prayer, offered by the Grand Chaplain. Twenty-one Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Master plunged right into business, and opened his address with:

"We are again assembled in regular Annual Grand Communication. The hand on the dial of time points to one hour after high twelve, and we are ready to open, read, and approve or disapprove the record of the past, and open up a new page and inscribe thereon the acts of the present, to be in turn disposed of by our brethren in the future."

Then says let us pause and contemplate upon the memory of the loved ones gone before. Then recounts his acts, dispensations granted and refused, Specials held during the year, appointments made, and decisions given, the latter all well answered. We quote one:

"8th. Where a Lodge desires to hold public installation of its officers, the Lodge should meet in advance of the assembling of the public, should open its Lodge in regular form, admit the public, install its officers, dismiss the public, and then close in regular form. It is in form that a Lodge open on a Master Mason's degree some time in the afternoon, so as to have everything in readiness, call off, bearing in mind that they are at labor until after the installation ceremonies are over, after which, and at some unnoticeable time, when the families of the brethren and the public are out of the lodge room, the brethren shall return to the Lodge and close in due form on the same day."

The report of the Correspondence Committee is written by Past Grand Master M. W. BRO. JAMES H. WROTH, and is very readable. New York is quoted on four pages. Of Valle de Mexico he writes a sensible report, upholding the regular Grand Lodge, composed of regular Masons, and recommends:

"I would request this Grand Lodge to issue a decree of non-intercourse as well as non-recognition against the so-called Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, organized by the seceders, of which M. Levi is the head, as the same, after reading both sides of the argument, has been organized in a revolutionary manner, totally foreign to all Masonic principles, and that by their actions and reports they intimate that they are semi-controlled by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Mexico.

"Any one reading the proceedings, not only of the original Grand Lodge, but of the pseudo Grand Lodge, cannot fail but recognize the fact that it was a disgruntled minority taking this action.

"I am strongly in hopes that the original or regular Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico will sooner or later change its name to become the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Mexico, so that no errors in similarity of names may occur."

This Grand Lodge has under its Jurisdiction 38 Lodges, and 2,572 members.

M. W. EDWARD L. MEDLER (*Albuquerque*), Grand Master.

R. W. ALPHEUS A. KEEN (*Albuquerque*), Grand Secretary.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

123d Communication.

RALEIGH.

January 11, 1910.

M. W. SAMUEL M. GATTIS, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form. Seven Past Grand Masters were present, and BRO. N. B. BROUGHTON, representing New York.

The Grand Master's address is short—seventeen pages—but is a concise report of the affairs of this Grand Lodge. He says:

“The true Free Mason is an optimist. His mission is to spread the doctrines of liberty, equality, and fraternity. During the past twelve months great strides have been made in the dissemination and application of these doctrines. The world is coming more and more to believe that every man should be given an equal chance before the law.”

Five decisions are reported, all of plain Masonic law. The Grand Master, like many others, says that all the questions could be answered by a reference to the Code. He speaks tenderly of those called to the Grand Lodge above, speaks with just pride of the new Masonic Temple now occupied by the Grand Lodge, and of the Orphan Asylum, and the good work this latter institution is doing, speaks hopefully of a Masonic Home, and urges the brethren to renewed efforts to accomplish the establishment of a Home at an early date. Advises the Grand Lodge to make the District Deputies members of the Grand Lodge. Mentions the conferences held in Philadelphia and in Baltimore, and regrets that he could not attend either, though in favor of such conferences. The Grand Master quotes the table published by New York, anent the troublesome question of perpetual Jurisdiction. Of the ballot he says:

### MISUNDERSTANDING OF BALLOT.

“Every case of serious trouble in a Subordinate Lodge that has come to my attention during the year has been caused by the desire of some member to overcome or circumvent the effect of a black ball. The black ball, when properly used, is a weapon of defence. One of the first principles of the Masonic Order is that no man should be permitted to become a member of a Lodge unless he is acceptable to every single member thereof. A failure on the part of some Masons to fully understand this frequently occasions trouble and is the cause of unwarranted attempts to secure the admission of a person who is a friend of some influential Mason. It is laid down as fundamental law that the ballot in all cases must be,

“1. Unanimous.

“2. Secret.

“3. Independent.

No Mason can be called upon to account for the vote he has deposited. The Lodge is not entitled to know how any member voted. No inquiry can be entertained on this subject, no information received. Further, while there may be a second ballot had in order to ascertain if any mistake has been made, this must be done before any member leaves the room, and there can be no reconsideration. Mackey lays it down as Masonic law, and I have found it nowhere doubted by any authority, that the Lodge having been closed, there is no power in Masonry which can order a reconsideration of the ballot. If the Masters of Lodges will keep these facts in mind, a fruitful source of discord will be eliminated.”

The Grand Master of North Carolina did not attend, though invited,

the making a Mason "at sight." This Grand Lodge has a provision in its Constitution prohibiting this kind of work. Twenty new Lodges were established here, and two were continued under dispensation.

New York is quoted on four pages by the Correspondence Committee with excerpts from Grand Master SAWYER's address.

We find here 395 Lodges, with 20,014 members.

M.'. W.'. RICHARD N. HACKETT (*Wilkesboro*), Grand Master.

R.'. W.'. JOHN C. DREWRY (*Raleigh*), Grand Secretary.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

*21st Communication.*

*FARGO.*

*June 21, 1910.*

A procession under escort of Knights Templars conducted the Grand Master to the Temple. BRO. HAGER, Past Grand Master, bid the delegates welcome, and thanked the Sir Knights for courtesy. Grand Commander HALE responded.

A constitutional number of Lodges having been reported as represented, the M.'. W.'. Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in Ample Form, with an appropriate invocation by the Grand Chaplain, W.'. BRO. LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE.

Grand Master HALFDAN BENEDEKE, in his address, says:

"The Masonic Order seems so wonderful to me that I sometimes think God must have inspired our founders to make it the unit of all creeds. The order is not meant to take the place of the church, but nevertheless it combines the different faiths in a unit, where no contention exists; it encourages education in all its branches; it broadens its members and is indeed the brotherhood of man, of good men, of trusty friends, of those who delight in doing good to their fellow men and assisting the upbuilding of the communities in which they live. We do not claim to be Saints nor so much better than the profane, but we do aim to be a society of *human intelligence*, of those who show consideration to the rights of others, and who believe that happiness to others is happiness to us. I often wish I had been born a Masonic student and writer, because I have seen so much of the beauties of Masonry that I know that such a life would be ideal, but I am thankful for what I have learned, and shall delight in reading what the real students of our order produce."

He sadly and reverently speaks of the dead, especially of the death of Grand Secretary FRANK J. THOMPSON, who died during the year. It has been the privilege of the writer to have much correspondence with BRO. THOMPSON, and his sudden demise was a shock to us. The death of such men is always a distinct loss to the good cause in which we are all interested. The Committee appointed for the purpose paid a touching tribute to the memory of the departed brother, and a memorial service was held in accordance with the order of the M.'. W.'. Grand Master, HALFDAN BENEDEKE, and the universal desire of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to pay fitting tribute to our beloved Grand Secretary, the following program of Memorial Services had been arranged.



Shortly before the service began, the Committee on Escort, M. W. Bros. JAMES McDONALD and THOMAS L. FOULKS, with Mrs. Frank Jared Thompson, Miss Jaredine Mason Thompson, and Master Jack Dacotah Thompson, were received. The Grand Master called up the Grand Lodge as they entered the auditorium.

## ORDER OF SERVICE.

## I.

Music—"Serenity" ..... Quartette  
Miss Emma Kuhfield, Soprano; Mrs. E. J. Wheeler, Alto; Mr.  
C. R. Chapin, Tenor; Mr. Howard Moody, Basso;  
Mrs. T. I. Lewis, Accompanist.

## II.

Memorial Address—Frank Jared Thompson, "The Man—The Citizen."  
Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Orator.

## III.

Memorial Ode.....James W. Foley, Past Grand Master

## IV.

Music—"Crossing the Bar".....Quartette

## V.

Memorial Address—Frank Jared Thompson, "The Mason."  
Laurence G. Moultrie, Grand Chaplain.

## VI.

Music—"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy".....Quartette

## VII.

Benediction.....Rev. G. DeWitt Dowling, Dean Gethsemane Cathedral.

There is no Foreign Correspondence, but instead a Digest of Decisions of all or many Grand Lodges, compiled by Past Grand Master JAMES W. FOLEY. About the benefit or utility of this scheme we have made comment in previous reports.

New York was represented by our old friend, SYLVESTER J. HILL, Past Grand Master, who represents New York at this Grand Lodge.

North Dakota has 96 Lodges, and 7,581 members.

M. W. JOHN J. HULL, (*Wahpeton*), Grand Master.

R. W. WALTER L. STOCKWELL (*Fargo*), Grand Secretary.

## OHIO.

101st Communication.

COLUMBUS.

October 19, 1910.

BRO. D. N. KINSMAN, on behalf of the Masons of Columbus, extended their welcome to the hospitality of the city. His remarks were appropriate to the occasion, and particularly his referenc to the duties devolving upon all Masons to carry out in their lives outside of the Lodge-room the principles and tenets which were taught them around the Masonic Altar.

After which prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and M. W.

BRO. B. F. PERRY, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present, also many distinguished brethren, M. E. Companion FRANK CRUMIT, Grand High Priest; Eminent Sir CAMPBELL M. VOORHEES, of the Grand Commandery; WM. B. MELISH, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States.

The Grand Master's address is a good paper. In the opening thereof he says:

"Profoundly impressed as I was with the honor which you so generously conferred upon me one year ago, I did not fully sense the responsibility of the position. But as the weeks and months have passed, I have realized more and more what is being accomplished for humanity by the seventy-nine thousand brethren of Ohio, each of whom has for an ideal the highest conception of good citizenship; and I have more fully appreciated what it means to accept the leadership of such a company of men.

"Before taking up the detailed report of my administration, let us pause and pay a tribute to the memory of our honored dead."

Speaks mournfully of the many brethren who departed to the celestial Grand Lodge above. Reports all the visits made, dispensations granted and refused. Three new Lodges were instituted. In conclusion the Grand Master says:

"In conclusion, my brethren, permit me to again call your attention to the rapid growth of the Order, and to say to you that in my judgment its strength is not determined by numbers, but rather by the character of its membership. If Masonry is to fulfill its mission among men, you must guard well the portals to our sacred altars."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by WILLIAM A. BELT, Past Grand Master. New York is reviewed on four pages in courteous manner. Upon a very interesting subject this distinguished Craftsman says:

"Upon the subject of recognition of other Grand Lodges your Committee is of the opinion, because of the great increase in late years in the number of Grand Lodges being formed everywhere and because of the different sources from which they derive their origin and of the indefinite essentials of which such bodies should be possessed, that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence should be authorized to enter into correspondence with other Grand Lodges looking toward the establishment of a basis of requirements essential to all bodies asking recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives, hoping thereby to secure uniformity upon this subject among all the Grand Lodges of the world.

"Your Committee thinks great care should be exercised in extending such relations. Before granting such requests this Grand Lodge should be satisfied, beyond a doubt, that these bodies measure up to the standards of Ancient Craft Masonry, that they are Sovereign and Independent, that they bid fair to be able to exist and carry on the work in a way that will reflect credit upon the Fraternity, and that they are at reasonable peace with their neighbors. The burden of proof of all this should be with them."

All of which is true and should be generally heeded by the Craft. The brothers says this report is his first "trick at the wheel," a pretty good beginning.

Ohio has 520 Lodges, with 79,501 members.

M. W. H. S. KISSELL (*Springfield*), Grand Master.

R. W. T. H. BROMWELL (*Cincinnati*), Grand Secretary.

## OKLAHOMA.

2d Communication.

M'ALESTER.

February 9, 1910.

M'. W'. Grand Master HENRY LOWNDES MULBROW opened this Grand Lodge in ancient and Ample Form, on above date. Twenty-four Emergents were held for laying corner-stone at various places, and one Special for the exemplification of the work. An excellent discourse by the Grand Orator R'. W'. WILLIAM H. TALMAGE preceded the work of the day, and was followed by the Grand Master's address:

"BRETHREN—Once again the hand of the seasons has swung around the annual dial, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma. My welcome is extended to you individually and collectively, to the Masons of the former twin territories, who are no longer separated by an imaginary or any other kind of line or boundary in their territory, or in the sentiment and affections that animate the feeling they have for each other."

The Grand Master mournfully pauses, and recounts the many who have crossed the mystic river, then proceeds to report all the doings, all the work of the year. Dispensations to form sixteen new Lodges were granted; anent this, he admonishes to:

"Let us urge upon the officers and members of the new Lodges that it is 'quality, and not quantity,' that goes to make up a successful Lodge, and that a creditable membership is better than an indiscriminate one. Don't overlook the fact, brethren, that when you cast your ballot upon an application, you are voting 'for the good of the Fraternity,' and not for or against the individual applicant. I hope at some future time to be able to pay a visit to all of 'my children,' and hope and believe that they will so conduct their affairs that I shall never regret having given them a 'birthright.'"

Twenty-one Lodges were duly constituted, regrets that he could not visit more Lodges in the new Jurisdiction. A large number of special dispensations were granted, for all sorts of work. The making of a Mason at sight is mentioned at some length, and in the main approvingly. Twelve decisions are reported, all answered in good Masonic form and without comment, only with the crisp and decisive *yes* and *no*. On the subject of Grand Representatives he says:

"In the past the representatives with us have done nothing more than come before the session of the Grand Lodge each year and be received with the Grand Honors. No good has resulted to either Grand Lodge from their appointment; the office has been to them but an empty honor. The representatives should represent something; they don't want to be like a knot on a log, simply there and nothing more. In other Grand Jurisdictions the representatives have an organization among themselves, are received in a body by the Grand Lodge, and the Dean of the organization makes an annual address. Each representative is required to prepare and file with the Grand Secretary a report of the condition of the Grand Jurisdiction he represents. Each representative should get in touch with the representative of this Grand

Lodge in the Jurisdiction he has the honor to represent and exchange reports upon the condition of Masonry in the State in which they reside respectively. The reports of the representatives would be very instructive and useful to our Committee on Correspondence, and would be very valuable information for the records of the Grand Lodge. I most earnestly recommend that the representatives present at this session call a meeting while here, and perfect an organization among themselves. I recommend that this question be referred to the proper committee for such plans as may be thought proper to make the representatives of real value to this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master refers to the Mississippi-New Jersey matter, upholds the former State, and recommends:

"That the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma decline to form a fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and that the Grand Master be directed to inform the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction that no member of a New Jersey Lodge will be accorded Masonic recognition in this Jurisdiction, so long as the Grand Lodge of New Jersey adheres to its present position, as set forth in the letter of Grand Master WOLFSKEIL, quoted, upon the negro question."

He speaks in high praise of the Board of Relief of the United States and Canada, and recommends membership therein. The Grand Master makes many recommendations; the establishment of an additional and combined Masonic Home. On this Committees are actively and earnestly at work; also:

"I recommend that BRO. JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, in grateful appreciation of his long life of devoted self-sacrifice to the cause of Free Masonry in this Jurisdiction, and as a token of the love and affection in which he is held by the Masons of this State, be officially recognized by this Grand Lodge as 'the father of Masonry in the State of Oklahoma,' and that he be retired from his active Grand Secretaryship and become Grand Secretary Honorary, with a salary of nine hundred dollars for the year 1910 and six hundred dollars per annum for the remainder of his life. Also, that so long as he may live in this Jurisdiction, he be required to sign all charters for Lodges organized under this Grand Lodge, and that he be the installing officer of this Grand Lodge so long as he may live.

"I want to say to this Grand Lodge that I esteem it one of the highest honors of my administration to be permitted to make the above recommendation, the adoption of which I do not believe requires argument. If there is anything within the gift of this Grand Lodge that would be more acceptable to BRO. MURROW than the recommendations above outlined, I fraternally recommend that, for we cannot give him anything, brethren, to which he is not fully entitled."

New York is mentioned in Correspondent's résumé on four pages.

Altogether this Baby Grand Lodge, being formed of the two Grand Lodges, shows a healthy growth and what is more and best shows peace and harmony and determination to cultivate the Masonic field in true Masonic way. "So mote it be."

There are 385 Lodges and ——— members.

M'. W'. GEORGE RUDDLE (Weatherford), Grand Master.

R'. W'. WM. M. ANDERSON (Waurika), Grand Secretary.

## OREGON.

60th Communication.

PORTLAND.

June 15, 1910.

With prayer by Grand Chaplain F. R. N. BELL, this Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master M'. W'. NORRIS R. COX. Twenty of the twenty-four living Past Grand Masters were present. New York was present, in its Representative, BRO. HENRY B. THIELSAN. The Grand Master's address covers twenty-seven pages, mostly of local import. He says:

"We have assembled from the East and West, the North and the South, and though many of us have never seen each other or met before, yet under the benign influence of those mysterious ties which unite men of all nations, religions and climes, we are no longer strangers, but brothers and friends.

"When associations are thus enjoyed under the teachings of the fraternity, bonds of fellowship are woven which can never be broken and which shall endure till time shall be no more."

Tells of four new Lodges having been instituted, two new Lodges were erected; then speaks of the several corner-stone layings, and matters of interest to the brethren of Oregon. He reports six decisions all answered according to Masonic law and usage, speaks sadly of those gone before and concludes:

"With the close of this Communication my year of official service will end, but my term of love and devotion to Masonry will not end, and cannot end till 'my enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates' where we shall all meet and see the fulfilment of our belief in the immortality of the soul, so forcibly taught in the sublime tragedy of the widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali. We enter upon a new year with bright prospects; with everything to cheer and encourage us. Not only in this beloved order of ours, but in our beloved State, the fairest land over which the flag flies to-day. Our order never more fully or deservedly commanded the respect of the communities in which we live. Our aims are high, our mission is a noble one. We shall surely reach those aims and fulfil that mission if we live up to our high professions, and duly improve our opportunities."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was duly recognized. New York is kindly mentioned on four pages by the Correspondence Committee, Past Grand Master JOHN MILTON HODSON, who comments favorably on our report.

Oregon has 120 Lodges, and 9,986 members.

M'. W'. CHARLES E. WOLVERTON (*Portland*), Grand Master.

R'. W'. JAMES F. ROBINSON (*Portland*), Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—Since writing the above report the sad news came to us that Past Grand Master JOHN MILTON HODSON has gone to his last resting place. We offer our sincere condolence to the brethren of Oregon. The death of an intellectual giant of Bro. HODSON's calibre is a distinct loss to the Craft everywhere.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Lodge still adheres to the old custom of holding quarterly meetings, and these were held on March 3, 1909, June 2, September 1, and December 1, 1909. At this last quarterly meeting the officers are elected and are installed at the annual meeting held on St. John's Day, December 27. BRO. GEORGE B. ORLADY having declined a reelection, BRO. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE was elected Right Worshipful Grand Master. Much important business besides the election is transacted at this Quarterly meeting. All the several reports are submitted at this time and passed upon. The many charity funds of this Grand Lodge are held in separate funds and by different Committees and Trustees. These reports are voluminous and, of course, take up much space in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

BRO. ORLADY, in his annual address, spoke with his usual eloquence, but space permits only a few excerpts. Those who had the privilege of listening to this brilliant speaker may well regret our lack of space.

"In surrendering the high station to which your suffrages have called me, my first and most earnest thought is one of gratitude to, and fraternal affection for, all of you. I regard the Grand Master as being the first servant of the Fraternity, and, in the discharge of the duties incident to this station, I have had such frequent consultations with so many of your number and received such wholesome manly suggestions and aid from so many sources, that my decisions have been, in a great majority of instances, inspired by others; and the success attending the matters that have been accomplished, has been due entirely to the enthusiastic coöperation of the members of this Grand Lodge."

A rare compliment was paid BRO. ORLADY by the brethren of Maryland, who elected him an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland and decorated him with a beautiful jewel significant of this rank. This act was doubtless without precedent and without authority, but these conditions were disposed of by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, by making a precedent, and asserting the authority.

Two new Lodges were constituted. Some dispensations were granted. As to decisions, these were mostly of local interest only. This Grand Lodge is very strict, and in many ways upholds the old way, for instance,

"Neither the name nor title of a Lodge, nor the use of the word 'Masonic,' is permitted to be used for any purpose that is not Masonic. 'The funds of a Lodge may be used for Masonic purposes only."

"It seems a waste of words to reiterate this decision, as it has been made in most emphatic form by nearly every one of my predecessors for the past half century.

"None but Masons may be present at a Masonic banquet.

"No officer of a Lodge should permit the title of his office to be joined with his name, and so printed on advertising matter for any purpose.

"There seems to be an almost defiant persistence on the part of a few Secretaries, to issue Lodge notices containing matters entirely unmasonic in character, and, while I have admonished several with beneficial results, it is to be regretted that experienced officers will continue

to violate the plain mandate of the Ahiman Rezon. A further disregard of duty in this respect will merit a radical enforcement of discipline."

BRO. JAMES M. LAMBERTON writes a most readable report on correspondence. New York is quoted on five pages. Many of the brilliant passages in the address of BRO. SAWYER are reproduced, as is also the mention of BRO. ORLADY's visit to our Home with other Grand Lodge officers. He also quotes in full the definition of the work and duty of this committee, as *we* see it, to-wit: Examine reports of other Grand Lodges, refrain from criticism or approval of such reports, and reproduce what the committee deems to be of interest to the brethren of New York. See Proceedings of Michigan, 1910, the same time thanks for favorable mention.

This Grand Lodge has 477 Lodges and 92,135 members.

R.'. W.'. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE (*Philadelphia*), Grand Master.

R.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. LINN (*Philadelphia*), Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, convenes in Annual Communication in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, this sixteenth day of May, A.'. L.'. 5910, A. D. 1910, and is opened in Ample Form at ten o'clock A. M., the Grand Master of Masons, Brother Stephen Magown, presiding. There are present other officers and members of the Grand Lodge and representatives from thirty-four Lodges.

The first thing the Grand Master did after a hearty welcome to his brethren was to pay his respects to those who have joined the great majority; then proceeds to record all his doings, his official and social visits, his dispensations granted and refused, his rulings, etc. The latter were all in keeping with Masonic law and usage.

No Foreign Correspondence report.

This Grand Lodge met in May, 1910, and elected M.'. W.'. HENRY WARREN RUGG Grand Master, but the distinguished brother received the call from the Grand Master above, and obeyed the summons. The brethren of Rhode Island mourn the loss of a great and good man, a distinct loss to the entire Fraternity.

This State has 37 Lodges and 7,464 members.

R.'. W.'. JAMES BACON GAY (*Providence*), Acting Grand Master.

R.'. W.'. S. PENROSE WILLIAMS (*Providence*), Grand Secretary.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.***133d Communication.**CHARLESTON.**December 14, 1910.*

M. W. JAMES L. MICHIE, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form on above date. Six Past Grand Masters were in attendance. New York was present in the person of R. W. JAMES R. JOHNSON, the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master says:

"BRETHREN: For the second time it is now my duty and pleasure, as Grand Master, to greet you assembled in Annual Communication, and to ask you to bestow your most careful consideration on all matters that will come before this Grand Body. I feel that it is no ordinary privilege and pleasure that I enjoy this morning, as I bid each and every one of you a most cordial welcome to the duties, the responsibilities and the deliberations of this, the One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

"To me it is a source of keen enjoyment to meet and exchange fraternal greetings with my Masonic brethren at the close of each year's work, and it is one of the sweetest, brightest thoughts of my life, that I will continue to attend these annual gatherings of our beloved Fraternity as long as our Heavenly Father gives me health and strength to exemplify the working tools of our Order.

"May this Communication be one of unalloyed pleasure to ourselves, and of great usefulness to the institution we all love and revere, and may the Great Architect of the Universe Himself guide and direct us in all our deliberations."

A large number of dispensations to do many things were granted. Four new Lodges were erected, and seven were duly constituted. This Grand Master lauds the Order of the Eastern Star, and says he is proud to be a member of this Order, and says the Order ought to be encouraged. Like many other Grand Masters, he says of decisions:

"I have received scores of letters asking for information that displayed a woeful ignorance of our Masonic law on the part of the writers. I am sorely tempted to quote some of the questions propounded to me during the past year, but refrain, as I do not wish to hurt the feelings of any of the brethren present.

"By resolution of our Grand Lodge, each Subordinate Lodge was supplied with three copies of our 'Constitution and Code,' and surely the Masters ought to show their appreciation of the honors their respective Lodges conferred on them by at least making themselves familiar with the fundamental laws of the Order. Very few of the questions I passed on are worth recording here; nearly all could have been answered by referring to our Constitution, or to our Code."

It was moved that the roll of officers and members be published in the next annual Proceedings, and that Foreign Correspondence be omitted. Carried.

South Carolina has 227 Lodges, with 12,515 members.

M. W. JAMES R. JOHNSON (*Charleston*), Grand Master.

R. W. JACOB T. BARRON (*Columbia*), Grand Secretary.



## SOUTH DAKOTA.

36th Communication.

PIERRE.

June 14, 1910.

M. W. SAMUEL A. BROWN, Grand Master, assisted by ten Past Grand Masters and all the Grand Officers, opened the Grand Lodge, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, REV. EDWARD ASHLEY. New York was represented by BRO. GEORGE W. SNOW. The Grand Master opened with:

"MY DEAR BRETHREN:

"We are assembled once more together to talk over our troubles and grievances, our good times and our bad times, to shake hands and say, 'hello'; to see those who take an interest in us, to bathe our souls in the blessed fountain of friendship to the great refreshment of our hearts, and the heartening of our minds; to forget for a season our favorite enemies and our most precious grouches; to tell and to laugh at small jokes, and to jolly one another up a bit, while we have a little play-time together; to view the new capitol which the State has erected, and enjoy the boundless hospitality which our brethren of Pierre have so generously provided, while we congratulate them upon the new prosperity of the city and the tireless enterprise of her citizens; and to spread our tents, so to speak, under the banner of Pierre Lodge, No. 27, which our exacting Grand Lecturer says 'is doing not only well but splendidly.'"

He speaks sadly of Past Grand Master WILLIAM H. MILLER, who died during the year just past, as well as BYRON P. DAGUE, and kindly remembered those of his own and other Jurisdictions who were called away. He feelingly recalled Past Grand Master FRANK FARET THOMPSON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and recalled the touching farewell given by this brother when North and South Dakota parted company twenty-one years ago.

A number of dispensations were issued; two new Lodges were erected, and two received charters and were duly constituted. The Grand Master at some length discussed the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, mentioned many of Germany, Hamburg, etc., and expressed regret that his Grand Lodge is not in fraternal relation with some of them.

The review of sister Grand Lodges is by BRO. ARTHUR H. TUFTS, and is very readable and a credit to this Grand Lodge. New York is mentioned on three pages.

We find here 126 Lodges and 8,301 members.

M. W. SAMUEL S. LOCKHART (*Milbank*), Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW (*Sioux Falls*), Grand Secretary.

## TENNESSEE.

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee was held in the city of Nashville, commencing on January 26, 1910.

M. W. EDWARD K. BACHMAN in the Grand East, and seventeen Past Grand Masters. After the usual words of welcome, the Grand Master paid a sad tribute to those who departed this life during the year, Past Grand Master EDMOND P. MCQUEEN among them. Then he recites the many dispensations granted, corner-stones laid, and all the usual business of the year. Three new Lodges were constituted. Forty-four decisions were given, all of local import, and the ruling according to local law and conditions. The entire address is sound in business, and records good work done. In conclusion the Grand Master says:

"It gives me pleasure to be able to report that harmony has been the watchword of the Craft, almost without exception, during the year. May our record grow brighter and better as the years roll on; may our labors be crystallized in absolute good will, friendship and brotherly love; may we ever walk in the worship and under the guidance, approval and protection of the Supreme Architect of the Universe; may the time soon come when the principles of Masonry will abound in every clime; when the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man will be felt and recognized in every heart and be taught in every home; may the world be wrapped in the mantle of virtue and truth; for then will the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless us."

A site was secured and building plans adopted to erect a new home for the Grand Lodge, but some difficulty seems to exist as to retaining the site. It was laid over for court decision. Five dispensations to form new Lodges were granted; four were rejected. A pretty custom prevails here, the retiring Grand Master presents a signet ring to his successor, to be transmitted by him again at the end of the term.

We have here 439 Lodges, with 23,614 members.

M. W. CHARLES H. BYRN (*Murfreesboro*), Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN B. GARRETT (*Nashville*), Grand Secretary.

## TEXAS.

75th Communication.

WACO.

December 6, 1910.

M. W. T. C. YANTIS, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge, after prayer by BRO. A. E. BATEN, Grand Chaplain. Fourteen Past Grand Masters attended, also M. W. GEORGE W. TYLER, representing New York. The Grand Master's address covers twenty pages, is concise, crisp, and to the point. He opens with:

"We meet to-day in the Seventy-fifth Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas under the most favorable circumstances. No disaster of a general nature has befallen our State, nor any portion thereof, for which we should be, and I believe we are, profoundly thankful to an Allwise Providence. Our membership has grown so rapidly and to such numbers that the office of Grand Master now requires a great deal of time and work, as well as carrying with it great responsibilities; however, the cheerful assistance given to me by the District Deputy Grand Masters of the various Masonic districts has, in a great measure, lightened the duties and made the work a pleasure where it would otherwise have been a burden."

He speaks of his visits to the Grand Lodge of England and of Scotland, and the Grand Secretary's, speaks respectfully of the dead, enlarges upon foreign affairs, Mexico, Kentucky, and other matters of interest to the brethren of Texas.

Twenty seven new Lodges were constituted, and eight were newly erected. Twenty-five decisions are reported, all, however, of local interest only, or else, so palpably easy of solving that none are quoted here. Many improvements are recommended to be established at the Home, especially a better water supply. The Superintendent reports 202 inmates, and all well taken care of.

The silver travelling trowel made its appearance at this Grand Lodge. It was brought by BRO. RAWLINS, and was accepted by the Grand Lodge. The foreign correspondence is by BRO. THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, SR. He quotes New York on three pages, and thanks this committee for courtesy. This Jurisdiction has 104 Masonic Districts, hence 104 District Deputy Grand Masters.

Texas has 824 Lodges and 50,027 members.

M. W. WALTER ACKER (*Wazahachie*), Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN WATSON (*Waco*), Grand Secretary.

## UTAH.

*39th Communication.*

OGDEN.

*January 18, 1910.*

Prior to the opening of this Grand Lodge, W. BRO. BIRT GRIFFIN BLACKMAN, Master of Weber Lodge, No. 6, the local Lodge at Ogden and the home Lodge of the Grand Master, delivered an address of welcome to the Grand Lodge. Grand Master FRED CLEMENT SCHRAMM replied to this, and then proceeded to open his Grand Lodge in Ample Form, with ten Past Grand Masters in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports his official visits, pays his mournful respect to the departed, rejoices that peace and harmony prevail, not only in Utah, but also in other Grand Lodges, tells of dedications and other Masonic work, approves of the labors of the Grand Lecturer, and recommends that a uniform blank be printed to be used by all Lodges as receipt for dues and for identification.

After close of the Grand Lodge the brethren were the guests of the Ogden members at a banquet where the tables were loaded with fruits and flowers and good things generally, and consisting of produce from Utah only. Music, song and speeches were enjoyed by all.

The Grand Secretary, BRO. DIEHL, is also Grand Librarian and the Committee on Correspondence. He quotes New York on two pages. He advises his brethren to read our Grand Master's statement anent clandestine Masonry.

Little Utah has now 14 Lodges and 1,638 members.

M. W. CHARLES BRUERTON JACK (*Salt Lake City*), Grand Master.

R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL (*Salt Lake City*), Grand Secretary.

**VERMONT.***117th Communication.**BURLINGTON.**June 15, 1910.*

This Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M. W. LEE S. TILLOTSON, Grand Master, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Eight Past Grand Masters attended. Past Grand Master MARSH O. PERKINS answered for New York.

The Grand Master, in his opening address, says:

"We are assembled in Grand Communication for the one hundred and seventeenth consecutive year. In order to survive, in its original form and character, the changes, the advancements, the increased knowledge and the varying inclinations of mankind, necessarily incident to the development of a great country, an organization must be founded upon correct principle and have some definite and commendable object in view. That our organization has stood this test, is sure proof of its stability; but the past year, although one of general prosperity, has not been unlike those which have preceded it in that it has brought sorrow to many. Comprised within the membership of every subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction, there are those who are suffering mental or physical pain or undergoing material misfortune. To all such let us extend our united, fraternal sympathy."

He pays a touchingly beautiful tribute to those gone before. He speaks earnestly and frankly of the Temple at Burlington, its taxes, its debt, the per capita tax upon Lodges, and other matters of great interest to the brethren of Vermont, also mentions the visits made, the dispensations granted, the decisions given (only seven), of which we quote one:

"5. One who had received the first and second degrees was arrested for and convicted of stealing. No charges were preferred against him in the Lodge. After he had satisfied the penalty imposed upon him by the law, he made application for his third degree. Held that if no objection was made by any member of the Lodge he was entitled, in the discretion of the Master, to be raised, but that, under the circumstances, the Master should cause careful investigation to be made and notice of the application to be sent to all resident members of the Lodge."

The entire paper shows ability and earnestness. The making of a resident of Vermont in Scotland is resented by the Grand Master, but this has occurred in other States, and Grand Masters usually refuse recognition to the individual thus made, as also did Grand Master TILLOTSON.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Past Grand Master PERKINS, and is in excellent taste and well written. New York is favorably quoted on four pages.

Vermont has 104 Lodges and 12,933 members.

M. W. HENRY L. BALLOW (*Chester*), Grand Master.

R. W. HENRY H. ROSS (*Burlington*), Grand Secretary.

## VIRGINIA.

132nd Communication.

RICHMOND.

February 8, 1910.

M. W. JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form, assisted by seven Past Grand Masters. BRO. JOHN F. MAYER answered for New York. The following distinguished visitors were present:

Most Worshipfuls DANA J. FLANDERS, Grand Master of Massachusetts; THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master of Maryland; THOMAS J. DAY, Past Grand Master of Delaware, and Right Worshipful FRANK T. BARRON, Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, who were presented at the altar by the Past Grand Masters present, introduced by Most Worshipful THOMAS N. DAVIS, escorted to the Grand East, severally introduced to the Grand Lodge by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, saluted according to the ancient custom of Masons, and each eloquently and happily addressed the Grand Lodge.

Without further ceremony, the Grand Master plunged right into business. In his opening address he beautifully says:

"And now we are gathered here again! A few only, not a dozen, of those whom I used to meet more than thirty years ago, are here. Many of you have enjoyed these annual reunions with your friends for years—some are here for the first time. Let those of us of long experience do our best to make this occasion a joyous, happy one for the newcomers, that they may quickly learn to feel the matchless charm of these annual renewals of friendship. Friendship is a word on which essays have been written and sermons preached, but, reduced to its last analysis, it is the exponent of the Brotherhood of Man, nowhere better illustrated than here.

"After two years of service as Grand Master, I have come with mingled feelings of gladness and sorrow to the end of my activity. *Gladness* that I may rest. I have worked hard. Scarcely a day but I have had to give time and thought to your affairs. No man can know, except those who fill this office, and fill it full, how much of time and nerve force it demands. Not that I regret one single effort that I have made. The very doing has been a joy itself and its own full reward. The debt is mine to you. *Gladness*, that for my remaining years I can look back with pride and joy on the innumerable acts of kindness I have received at your hands; acts of kindness shown me without thought of reward or return, simple brotherly love, prompted by unselfishness on your part and evidences of your boundless generosity. These acts have come to me from Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Lodge Officers, and equally from my brother Master Masons on every possible occasion. The result is that I have received from you all the one thing I most prize in this life—the unselfish love of my fellow-man."

He recounts the many official and social visits made during the year, corner-stones laid, and all the work that comes to a Grand Master who means to work while Grand Master.

Twenty-one decisions are reported, mostly on charges and trials. All seemed to be answered in true Masonic law and spirit of many. He says: "This decision should not have been necessary, but it was." He hits the nail squarely on the head by decision No. 7:

"7. That the only proper course when a petition is declared rejected is to proceed to the next business in order, and say no more about it then or afterward."

The Grand Master speaks with pride and in glowing terms of the Masonic Home:

"When I think of the Home it is with pleasure and satisfaction. I am also grateful to you on behalf of the children, your children by law, under your Masonic obligations, and in the sight of Almighty God, that you have in so large degree generously supported the Home this year. Besides the tax, each Lodge should give voluntarily from its treasury, and every real Mason owes it to himself as a Mason to have a personal interest by making a personal sacrifice each year. The benefit to him is far greater than to these poor children. I will not say how much each one should give, but I will say how little. Few indeed, if any, cannot spare one dollar a year. Let no one Mason fail to give that and gladly give it."

Eleven new Lodges were formed. The address fills twenty-five pages and is a good paper. It is refreshing to read it. New York appears in the report on Foreign Correspondence on three pages, with favorable comment.

Virginia has 302 Lodges, with 20,638 Master Masons.

M. W. WILLIAM B. MCCHESENEY (*Staunton*), Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE W. CARRINGTON (*Richmond*), Grand Secretary.

## WASHINGTON.

53rd Communication.

TACOMA.

June 21, 1910.

M. W. WILLIAM RAY BAKER, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form on above date. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, and all the officers.

An address of welcome by W. JAMES MCCORMACK, on behalf of the local brethren, was responded to by R. W. BRO. DAVID S. PRESCOTT, and both bristled with praise of the city and its improvement, growth, etc. A letter of regret was read from Past Grand Master JOSEPH SMITH.

The address of the Grand Master covers twenty pages of good reading matter, but alludes mostly to local affairs. Under necrology, he mentions Past Grand Master ASA L. BROWN. Five Lodges were constituted. The Grand Master reports of by-laws approved and not approved, six corner-stone layings, dispensations granted and refused. Only two decisions are reported; one seems to us especially sound:

"I held that a candidate having received the third degree and having signed the by-laws of the Lodge, which he should do immediately after receiving the degrees, is permitted to vote and entitled to all the privileges of Masonry. According to paragraph 682b of our Code, a candidate should pass an examination in open Lodge, proving his proficiency in the third degree, within sixty days after receiving said degree; but that paragraph does not debar him from the rights and privileges of Masonry in case he should fail to do so. I am heartily in favor of all candidates being compelled to pass the examination referred to; but, according to our Code, as it now reads, we cannot compel him to do so,

nor can he be debarred from such rights and privileges without due process of law."

This Grand Master has decided opinions anent a National Grand Lodge, and says:

"I have been importuned on several occasions the past year to give my ideas and the views of this Grand Lodge on the question of a National Grand Lodge. To these requests I have replied that this Grand Lodge several years ago had gone on record as being opposed to a National Grand Lodge and that personally I was averse to the plan. I am, however, in favor of a National Convention of Grand Lecturers, as I feel that a great deal of good could come from a convention of that kind."

Past Grand Master CHADWICK again writes the report of the Correspondence Committee, which is all that can be expected from this able writer. New York is quoted on four pages, reproducing much of BRO. SAWYER'S address, and some paragraphs of our report. While we do not agree in some things with this brother, we concede his ability as a correspondent.

This State has 165 Lodges and 14,473 members.

M. W. JEREMIAH NETERER (*Bellingham*), Grand Master.

R. W. HORACE WALTER TYLER (*Tacoma*), Grand Secretary.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

46th Communication.

HINTON.

November 16, 1910.

M. W. FRANK WELLS CLARK, Grand Master, in the East, assisted by fourteen Past Grand Masters.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting paper. He begins with:

"Peace, harmony and prosperity mark the condition of Freemasonry in West Virginia, as we come together in the City of Hinton, in this Forty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The reports which have come up to me from the Lodges and from the officers of the Grand Lodge have been, uniformly, of the most encouraging and gratifying nature. Never before was Freemasonry such a great power for righteousness in our Commonwealth as to-day.

"We are glad to be in Hinton, and I bring to the Masons of this section of the State love, fraternal greetings and best wishes from all the Masons and Lodges which comprise the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

"But amid these scenes of joy and prosperity, death, 'who puts an end to all rivalry and competition,' has invaded the ranks of the Grand Officers of this and other States."

Reports the many specials held—fourteen in all—recites the dispensations granted and refused. Many decisions are reported, all answered according to law and Masonic usage. We quote this:

"A Lodge can legally and properly receive a petition, more than three years having expired since rejection by another Lodge. The new law in regard to the three years' clause is retroactive in effect. That is, it does not mean that the time of rejection shall be computed as three years after its passage, but should be counted as well before its passage."

And:

"The only respect in which an objection differs from a black ball is this: an objection can be withdrawn any time during the year, while a black ball cannot. Upon the filing of an objection at the proper time, the petitioner stands rejected for one year, or until the objection is withdrawn."

The address covers twenty-one pages and contains some excellent passages. Lack of space only prevents us from quoting some of the good things said. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to retiring Grand Master M'. W'. FRANK WELLS CLARK.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews New York on five pages, praises the address of Grand Master SAWYER, and speaks courteously of our Grand Lodge and of the report of this committee. M'. W'. HIRAM R. HOWARD is the writer who seems to be a busy man, for, besides being Grand Secretary, he also finds time to write an excellent report of the Correspondence Committee.

West Virginia has 142 Lodges and 14,079 members.

M'. W'. WYNDHAM STOKES (*Welch*), Grand Master.

M'. W'. HIRAM R. HOWARD (*Point Pleasant*), Grand Secretary.

## WISCONSIN.

66th Communication.

MILWAUKEE.

June 14, 1910.

M'. W'. ALVIN T. WEBB, Grand Master. The Grand Lodge was duly opened with singing of the opening ode and invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master's address covers fifteen pages, and is a gem, concise, full of sound common sense. We quote only a few lines:

"The Grand Master is expected to be a teacher and standard bearer. To him the brethren look for guidance and instruction during the vacation of the Grand Lodge. While I have felt the weight of the responsibility of the position, and have endeavored to fill it to the best of my ability, I am free to admit that I have found it necessary to assume the rôle of student, with many hard problems before me; and the lessons that I have learned in this school I shall prize as of utmost value in years to come. From the day I first received Masonic light I have been deeply impressed with the beauties of Masonry, but the past year's experience has given me a broader view and a higher conception of what it means to be a Mason than I ever had before."

And:

"Masonry meets the need of mankind and blazes the trail of civilization because it proclaims democracy and practises its precepts. It exemplifies men's relations, one toward another, and teaches not only the rights of men, but upholds the principles of brotherhood throughout the ever-widening realms of human activities. We love Masonry because we love men, and behold in all its ancient forms and ceremonies the magic key—unity—opening the hearts of men to true Masonic light, and bringing together all classes and conditions into one harmonious whole.

"We think of Masonry as world-wide. Sectional lines or state



boundaries limit not its usefulness, and among all civilized nations the great heart of Masonry pulsates as a living and mighty influence, educating and uplifting the race toward the realization of the sublime truths which ascend even to the Great Architect of the Universe itself."

Two dispensations to form new Lodges were granted. One was refused for good and sufficient reasons. Ten decisions are reported, all answered in excellent form. We plead our usual excuse, lack of space, to quote more. We give one:

"The Grand Secretary submitted a letter to me from a certain Lodge in which it was stated that the Lodge desired to hold an entertainment for the members of the Lodge, their wives and families, at which it was proposed to give a portion of the monitorial lectures, which the Master considered not secret, using lantern slides illustrating the same.

"Answer: Not only everything connected with the conferring of the degrees, but all transactions in a Masonic Lodge are secret. Publicity of matters pertaining to the Craft is one of the things we must continuously guard against, as I believe there is too much of this already, and an entertainment such as the one proposed is not approved."

He concludes with:

"Finally, brethren, let us try and realize the potentialities which reside in our glorious Order, and not only for the wider dominion of our noble Craft, but even for the preservation of our liberties and the general expansion of the rule of friendship, morality and brotherly love."

He commends the Committee on Correspondence, and urges the brethren to read the reports. Hope they will heed him.

The Report on Correspondence by BRO. ALDRO JENKS, Past Grand Master, quotes New York on four pages in courteous and favorable lines. This Jurisdiction has 266 Lodges and 25,680 members.

M. W. ERNEST E. GATCHELL (*Hudson*), Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM W. PERRY (*Milwaukee*), Grand Secretary.

## WYOMING.

36th Communication.

ROCK SPRINGS.

September 7, 1910.

M. W. BIRNEY H SAGE, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Eight Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Master's address covers eighteen pages, and is a good, practical, business paper. He says:

"We are factors in the work of the great army engaged in a grand united effort to enlarge and improve human character, impressing thereon great moral truths which tend so greatly to promote the safety and welfare of every community. In this great, noble and never-ending labor none of us should for a moment falter in striving for the betterment of humanity and all good works necessary in aiding the weak and destitute, that such works may demonstrate to the people of every community that in the face of the great competition brought about during recent years through the establishment of the multitude of societies now in the field, Masonry continues to pursue the even tenor of its way, as a silent power for good and entitled to the commendation of all fair-minded, unprejudiced people, who, as never before, are watching and noting whether

or not as an organization it is keeping up with its profession. Every member is, or should be, vitally interested in keeping up its prestige, and it seems to me one of the duties devolving upon each member present when he returns home is to impress every member he can reach that he is personally one of the factors in increasing such prestige."

Twelve decisions are reported, all well answered, but all of local import only. Reverend respect is paid to the dead. Then he speaks of the many visits made, social and official, and of the Grand Masters' conferences. In the Report on Foreign Correspondence, New York is favorably mentioned on three pages. The report is by the Grand Secretary.

Wyoming has 30 Lodges and 2,556 members.

M. W. HUGH HYND (Laramie), Grand Master.

R. W. W. L. KUYKENDALL (Saratoga), Grand Secretary.

WE DESIRE TO CORRECT AN ERROR WHICH INADVERTENTLY WAS PRINTED IN OUR REPORT OF THIS GRAND LODGE IN 1910, LAST YEAR'S REPORT, WHICH SAYS: "THE GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE IS RECOGNIZED BY NEW YORK." THIS IS AN ERROR; THE GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE IS NOT RECOGNIZED IN NEW YORK.

## DOMINION OF CANADA.

**ALBERTA.***5th Communication.**CALGARY.**May 25, 1910.*

M., W.: JOHN T. MACDONALD, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge, assisted by all the Officers and four Past Grand Masters. The Mayor of the city (Calgary) addressed the brethren in words of welcome, which was responded to by BRO. and REV. K. C. McLEOD. In the Grand Master's address much space is properly devoted to the memory of the late King and Past Grand Master of England. A cablegram had been sent, and reply from LORD STATHOONA. Seven Lodges were instituted, and three were duly constituted.

The Grand Master's address is a good business paper, and is mainly devoted to business, and of local business only. Among other good things, he says:

"As the spotless standard of Freemasonry ever floats to the gentle winds of the broad prairies of Alberta, God grant that its peaceful folds may hold aloft to the vision of mankind, purity of life and rectitude of conduct; teaching us to so live that, when our life on earth is ended, when we shall have completed in the quarries of this life the designs that the Master Builder has drawn upon our Trestle-Board, we may hear the welcome summons, 'Come, Ye Blessed of my Father,' and enter into the 'city without foundations,' in the midst of which stands the Eternal Temple, 'where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.'"

And:

"I was glad to note throughout our Jurisdiction the desire on the part of our members to accomplish something practical. I heard not any boasting of the glories of the past. I heard no brother try to take credit for the greatness of our Order in bygone days. They realize that this greatness is due, not to us, but to the efforts of those good brethren who have long since laid down the working tools of life, and have been called hence by the sound of the gavel in the hands of the Great Architect of the Universe. Our membership seem to realize that our institution of to-day cannot live alone on the accomplishments of the past."

Alberta is still a young Grand Lodge, but seems to be a very healthy infant, and on the high road to prosperity.

It has 47 Lodges and 2,990 members.

M.: W.: J. J. DUNLOP (*Edmonton*), Grand Master.

R.: W.: GEORGE MACDONALD, M. D. (*Calgary*), Grand Secretary.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.***39th Communication.**CRANSBROOK.**June 23, 1910.*

M. W. H. N. RICH, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form. The Grand Master's address covers less than eight pages, but is crisp and makes good reading:

"Gratefully raising our hearts to the Great Architect of the Universe, who has given us life, and who has blessed and guided us to walk in the light, we are met to-day, in this, our Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication, and it is my pleasure to greet and welcome you, trusting that all may participate in a profitable and enjoyable session.

"These Annual Communications give us an opportunity of meeting together to help one another forward in a cheery fashion in the work of the future. We must not have a low estimate of ourselves and of what we can do. If we feel that we have been given something to do and the power to do it, and if we believe in our own power, there is no doubt every one of us can do something for the good of mankind. We must realize our own importance and that we have a place in the world.

"I like to see the Lodges have a good opinion of themselves and feel that they are doing something which affects the welfare of the community in which they are established. Have the courage of your convictions and realize that you are placed here to do a great and permanent service to the community. To do this service cherish our strong and powerful truths in your hearts and lean on our good and influential principles. Then, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, conquer and dare everything. Let every member be proud of the Lodge to which he belongs, and of the grand opportunities of the period, remembering that you are living in the greatest age the world has ever known, and that it will be to your discredit if you do not make use of the advantages at your command.

"I am pleased to report that the year has been a successful one for the Craft and that during my visits amongst the brethren I find Masonry increasing in interest, in charity and in efficiency, and if while I have held this office, I have assisted in increasing the hopefulness and confidence of the brethren in themselves and in one another, I shall hand over the Jurisdiction to my successor with thanksgiving to the Great Architect and satisfaction to myself."

Fifteen decisions are reported; all answered in good form and according to Masonic law and usage; recounts the dispensations granted, visits made, etc.; refers respectfully and sadly to the Past Grand Master, KING EDWARD VII. The business, elections, and all, were transacted expeditiously and with the utmost harmony and unity of purpose.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by BRO. DEWOLF SMITH mentions New York on four pages, and says:

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by a committee of which M. W. BRO. WILLIAM SHERER is chairman. It fills 127 pages, and reviews the Proceedings of 65 English-speaking and a number of non-English-speaking Grand Lodges. A fair summary of the work of the different Jurisdictions is given, including a short notice of British Columbia for 1908, the personal views of the committee being chiefly noticeable by their absence.

We have stated several times in these reports that this committee

does not express its "personal views." The Grand Master only, and the Grand Lodge itself speaks, and expresses personal views. This committee does not criticise the decisions of Sovereign Grand Lodges, hence reports *the actions* of Grand Lodges only, without comment, favorable or otherwise.

We have here 56 Lodges and 4,550 members.

M'. W'. EDWARD P. PAUL (*Victoria*), Grand Master.

R'. W'. ROBERT E. BRETT (*Victoria*), Grand Secretary.

## MANITOBA.

35th Communication.

WINNIPEG.

June 8, 1910.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and with prayer by R'. W'. BRO. REV. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Grand Chaplain. M'. W'. JAMES D. BAINK, Grand Master, was assisted by eight Past Grand Masters. In his address he says:

"Before proceeding further, I must refer to an important event in the Empire—nay, to the world at large—the death of KING EDWARD VII.

"Throughout the British Empire, his late Majesty had no more loyal subjects than Freemasons, and with no other class in this fair Dominion of ours, will such keen and poignant sorrow be felt at his demise as by the brethren of the Craft.

"His Gracious Majesty was, for upwards of twenty-five years, Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge of the world, and the loyal tributes that have periodically been offered at all Masonic gatherings, have in no sense been mere figures of speech, but the genuine outbursts of spontaneous and sympathetic feeling offered as tributes to those manly attributes and excellencies of character, which have throughout his reign, excited and compelled the admiration of the world."

The Grand Master also refers sadly to BROS. DUNCAN W. McDERMID and JOHN W. JAMESON.

He recounts the several functions, and regrets that he could not visit more Lodges. One Lodge was constituted, and three new Lodges were formed under dispensation.

The Grand Secretary read letters from M'. W'. BRO. CHARLES N. BELL, GEORGE B. MURPHY and ROBERT S. THORNTON, Past Grand Masters, and R'. W'. BRO. JOSEPH S. ARMITAGE, Past D. D. G. Master, expressing their regrets at not being able to be present at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and from W'. BRO. REV. DR. EBER CRUMMY, expressing his regrets that, owing to absence from the city, he would be unable to accept our invitation to luncheon on Thursday and address his brethren.

The reports of the several boards and committees were read and acted on.

This Grand Lodge has 69 Lodges and 5,151 members.

M'. W'. GEORGE W. BAKER (*Winnipeg*), Grand Master.

M'. W'. JAMES A. OVAS (*Winnipeg*), Grand Secretary.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.***42nd Communication.**SAINT JOHN.**August 24, 1909.*

M. W. JOHN S. D. CHIPMAN in the East, assisted by four Past Grand Masters, opened this Grand Lodge in Ample Form, after prayer by Chaplain THOMAS WALKER.

The Grand Master, in his address, regrets that he could not visit many Lodges in the Province, owing to absence on important matter. He says he was out of the Jurisdiction 133 days during the year just past. He pays a sad tribute to the departed brethren. The Board of General Purposes, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary made satisfactory reports.

A letter from BROTHER KRUGER, Representative of this Grand Lodge at Belgium, was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (No Committee on Review here.)

We find here 37 Lodges, with 2,770 members.

M. W. HENRY S. BRIDGES (*Saint John*), Grand Master.

R. W. J. TWINING HARTT (*Saint John*), Grand Secretary.

**NOVA SCOTIA.***45th Communication.**WOLFVILLE.**June 8, 1910.*

M. W. WILLIAM MARSHALL BLACK, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge with five Past Grand Masters present. Prior to the formal opening, the brethren listened to an excellent sermon by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. and REV. WILLIAM DRIFFIELD. The address of the Grand Master covers fifty-nine pages. He opens with:

"Accepting the Holy Writings as our rule and guide, it is but fitting that our first duty on such occasions as these is to offer up our thanks to the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe for the many mercies vouchsafed to us, for which purpose we have attended Divine Service in the 'House of God,' there to offer up our thanks and adoration to Him to whom we owe our being; to Him who holds us in the hollow of His Hand and whose teachings, if followed by us, will surely lead us to His presence when in His wisdom He shall summon us to that Celestial Home above, 'Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.'"

Speaks mournfully of the late KING EDWARD, gives thanks that the rank of Grand Lodges were unbroken, but extends his sympathy to the Sister Jurisdictions who have been visited by the Grim Reaper. The Home is favorably mentioned and its management is approved and praised. Then the Grand Master proceeds to recount his official acts, visits, dispensations, corner-stone layings, dedications, etc. Seventy-four Lodges were visited, and the Grand Master enjoyed all these visits. Of decisions, we quote one as being of general interest:

"Can a Master Mason hailing from a Subordinate Lodge under the

jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Italy be admitted as a visitor in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction?' I ruled as follows: 'While we are not represented near that Grand Lodge, nor are we in correspondence with it, no "EDICT" has ever been issued by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia prohibiting intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Italy, and a Master Mason, representing himself as being under the Grand Lodge of Italy, can be admitted as a visitor in any Lodge in our Jurisdiction, provided he complies with the requirements of our Constitution regarding the examination of visitors and satisfying the examining committee that he is in good Masonic standing in his Lodge.'

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by BRO. THOMAS MOWBRAY is a good one. It quotes New York on four pages in favorable manner, and praises our Grand Lodge and especially our honored Grand Secretary, of whom BRO. MOWBRAY says:

"Before closing, Grand Lodge was presented with a beautiful bust in marble of that excellent man and superior official, M. W. BRO. COLONEL EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary. In January last our distinguished brother celebrated his seventieth birthday, and as this year commemorates his twenty-ninth year as Grand Secretary the presentation was made at this time. We extend our heartiest felicitations to our Worthy Brother Scribe, and at the same time congratulate the Grand Lodge of New York upon having such a good and faithful official. Long may he live to adorn the post he occupies."

To which New York replies with a hearty Amen.

Nova Scotia has 71 Lodges, and 6,037 members.

M. W. WILLIAM MARSHALL BLACK (*Wolfville*), Grand Master.

R. W. THOMAS MOWBRAY (*Halifax*), Grand Secretary.

## ONTARIO.

55th Communication.

BELLEVILLE.

July 20, 1910.

The Grand Master, M. W. DANIEL FRASER MACWATT, on the throne, the Deputy Grand Master and all the Grand Lodge Officers, four Past Grand Masters and Representatives of other Grand Lodges, M. W. BRO. A. T. FREED for New York. The Mayor of the city, W. BRO. L. W. MARSH, bid the brethren welcome to his city. Members of the local Lodges also welcomed the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. To both the Grand Master gracefully responded. The Grand Master in his opening address says:

"In welcoming you to the Fifty-fifth Annual Communication, I am pleased to be able to state that the year just closed has been one of the best in the history of the Craft in this Jurisdiction, financially and numerically. Further, we have had that harmony which should always be prevalent among Masons. There have been few occasions, considering our large membership, when it has been necessary for me, as your Grand Master, to administer admonition."

Speaks reverently of the dead, and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of the late King and Past Grand Master of England. The Past Masters, as well as Wardens, are members of the Grand Lodge here, and the Grand Master says there are 3,500 or more Past Masters

on the roll and, as hundreds are added to this every year, he recommends action to reduce the membership in his Grand Lodges. Of the Board of Relief he says:

"The General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada has been of inestimable benefit to the Craft in this Jurisdiction. We affiliated with the Association twenty-one years ago, and, through the warning circulars which are issued monthly to every Lodge and Board of Relief, many thousands of dollars per year are saved to the Craft.

"It is estimated that since the founding of the Association in the United States, nearly twenty-three years ago, some hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved to the Craft of the American Jurisdictions affiliated. A reputable authority, who is well informed as to the result of the work of the Association, says that many thousands of dollars, per year have been saved by the affiliation of this Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges of the Dominion."

He reports twenty-seven "Rulings." Most of these rulings are in accord with the general custom of the Craft, with very few exceptions:

"12. An E. A. or a F. C. is a 'member,' and can make application for affiliation with another Lodge.

"27. The Tyler is an officer of the Lodge; he must be a member, and as such is entitled to all the privileges, including a vote."

New York is reviewed for two years, 1909 and 1910, by Past Grand Master M. W. A. T. FREED. He speaks kindly of our report, saying:

"The Foreign Correspondence is conducted by a Committee composed of M. W. BRO. WILLIAM SCHERER, R. W. BRO. EMIL FRENKEL, and R. W. BRO. EMANUEL LOWENSTEIN; and is very ably handled. It is a pleasure to read the report of men who deal with facts, present reasons and consider the welfare of the Craft rather than attempt flights of oratory."

This Grand Lodge has 413 Lodges, with 46,140 members.

M. W. DANIEL FRASER MACWATT (*Sarnia*), Grand Master.

R. W. R. L. GUNN (*Hamilton*), Grand Secretary.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

35th Communication.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

June 23, 1910.

A combined Special with the Annual was held, and Grand Master W. P. DOULL presided in the East. R. W. GEORGE J. LANE answered for New York. Seven Past Grand Masters were present. Prayer was offered by BRO. T. F. FULLERTON, Grand Chaplain. The Grand Master's address covers twenty-three pages, and gives a concise report of all his doings and all in full detail. He says:

"Like a kaleidoscope, the scenes are always changing—brilliant, sombre, variegated—but changing ever. The same picture is never reproduced, the same circumstances and situations never recur, hence the need of our assembling annually, to receive from the Grand Master a resume of the past year's work followed by a deliberation, an approval or condemnation, a lesson of example where commendable, a note of warning where unsatisfactory and an election of some one else to try to do better next year."



“Turn, turn my wheel, all things must change  
To something new, to something strange;  
Nothing that is can pause or stay.”

He reverently bows in memory of the departed, and especially the late King Edward VII.

Of Representatives he says:

“I found some six or eight Jurisdictions without Representatives and several others even worse—having Representatives who never appear at this Grand Lodge. Some of these are Past Masters of long standing, men of keen business acumen and sterling integrity. But while we know them as such, the Jurisdictions they represent do not, and it is a matter of small compliment to a Grand Lodge with as many Subordinate Lodges as we have individual members to be represented by a Right Worshipful Brother who cannot get into this Grand Lodge once in a dozen years. Some of these I have cut out, and recommended others to whom commissions have been issued. I trust the change, the newly appointed incumbents, will not disappoint us. If they do let the operation be repeated.”

He has visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, some three and four times, and reports this with evident gusto and pleasure. Of the social side of Masonry he says:

“I have not given any detailed account of the amount of work done, or progress, financial or otherwise, of the Lodges. I do not think it wise to publish details of such. I have, however, spoken considerably of the social side as if it were the more important. This is because I consider it the thermometer by which to gauge the temperature of Masonic vitality. A brother may be painfully accurate in ritual, precise to the smallest scruple in Jurisprudence, in business as upright and yet as cold as the stone in yonder cemetery; if a hand is extended at all, he gives you the tips of the fingers and you shake them yourself. That brother's apron strings are untied before the Master makes the last request of his Deacons, and at the final rap of the gavel he is half-way out the door. He does not believe in a ‘bun-feed,’ as he terms it, and you are half glad he does not.”

Regrets that no Foreign Correspondence is printed and published here, because “can't afford it;” but, as an excuse, says it gives too much information to the outside world.

This small but sturdy Grand Lodge boasts that, though thirty-five years old, never had occasion to suspend or expel a single member. Good for you!

We find here 14 Lodges, and 731 members.

M. W. WILLIAM STEWART (*Summerside*), Grand Master.

M. W. W. P. DOULL (*Charlottetown*), Grand Secretary.

## QUEBEC.

40th Communication.

MONTREAL.

February 9, 1910.

M. W. J. ALEX CAMERON, Grand Master, opened this Grand Lodge in due and Ample Form. Seven Past Grand Masters attended. New York was present in the person of its Representative, Past Grand Mas-

ter M. M. TAIT. The Grand Master's address covers twenty-eight pages. Among other good things, he says:

"Some of us are here to-day for the first time—some are veritable veterans in attendance upon our Annual Communications; but whatever be the length of our service and from whatever section of this great Province we hail, I am confident that there is one thought predominant in every mind, one motive which has brought us together, *the good of the Order*, or, in other words, a sincere desire to take counsel together, in the light of the experience of the past year and the years which have gone before, for the promotion of the best interests and the greater usefulness of the Fraternity to which we are proud to belong."

Anent of the reactionary element in the Province, he says:

"To the majority of our fellow-citizens, the teachings and objects of the Order are, by the prescription of an authority which they respect, a sealed book; a prescription to which no exception is or can be taken by those of us for whom that authority and its enactments are without sanction; a prescription which we consider to be a matter entirely between those by whom and to whom it is addressed. When, however, as a reason for such a prohibitive enactment, there are publicly and privately assigned to our Fraternity aims and objects which are absolutely foreign to and expressly and categorically excluded from its sphere, there is thereby created a painful feeling of distrust in the minds of some of the people as to the motives and good faith of those of us who, in the hope of being useful to our fellows, are members of the Craft."

And:

"I confess that it would be to me, as much as to any one, a source of supreme satisfaction if, in some lawful manner compatible with the dignity and honor of Masonry and with the firmly held belief that it needs no apologist, our fellow-citizens could be made to know that while they are forbidden to join us, it is for laudable purposes, absolutely outside the spheres of religion or politics, that we, in common with a great body of men in the British Isles and Dominions generally and in the United States, have ranged ourselves beneath the banners of Masonry; and that it is an insult to intelligence to propagate the erroneous belief that we or our brother Masons anywhere with whom we have fraternal communication, have either purpose or inclination to pervert the religious belief of our fellow-citizens or subvert the authority of their religious leaders."

He pays respectful regard to the memory of the departed in his own and other Jurisdictions.

Recites his doings during the year, dispensations granted and declined, official visits, district meetings, commissions issued, etc.

"One of the most important and interesting duties which has devolved upon me was the unveiling at Richmond, P. Q., on June 19 last, of the monument erected by this Grand Lodge, with the coöperation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, to the memory of our late M. W. Bro. JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, LL.D., the first Grand Master of Masons in Quebec and the first Grand First Principal of that Grand Chapter."

The Correspondence report is by M. W. Bro. CHAMBERS, Past Grand Master. As stated in the introductory page, he has done this for twenty-three years, and the report shows it, shows the able and experienced writer. New York is reviewed on four pages, quoting Bro. SAWYER'S "striking passages." He warns us anent Italy's recognition. No danger. In conclusion the distinguished brother says:

"Masonic trust, like public trust, involves corresponding duties. Those who are honored by their Masonic brethren in being entrusted with the preparation of Correspondence Reports have important duties to perform. There are occasions when, if they take their work seriously, they find themselves called upon to express dissent from the opinions of brethren with whom they would much rather agree. We cannot all think alike on minor matters in Masonry any more than in any other subject. Nor is there any good reason why we should. But there are some Masonic questions which admit of no two opinions. There are, for instance, the essentials and the landmarks of Masonry, and the great eternal verities—the fundamental principles underlying the very foundation of the Fraternity."

This Grand Lodge has 62 Lodges, and 6,325 members.

M. W. J. ALEX CAMERON (*Montreal*), Grand Master.

R. W. WILL H. WHYTE (*Montreal*), Grand Secretary.

## SASKATCHEWAN.

4th Communication.

SASKATOON.

June 15, 1910.

M. W. HAROLD FAGGER, Grand Master, on the Throne. Four Past Grand Masters present and all the Grand Officers. The Acting Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the Grand Lodge was opened in due and Ample Form. The new Temple (in which they met) was then duly dedicated and consecrated by the Grand Master.

R. W. BRO. HOPKINS, Mayor of Saskatoon, welcomed the brethren, not only as Mayor, but also as Grand Lodge Officer.

The Grand Master, in his opening address, mildly boasts of the growth of the Province of Saskatchewan, with which progress the Grand Lodge has kept pace. He mournfully deplores the death of many brethren of his and sister Jurisdictions. Thirteen new Lodges were constituted, and fourteen were erected. Reports from Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Benevolent Fund Board of General Purposes, etc., were all received and acted upon. Altogether this young but sturdy Grand Lodge shows in its reports and make-up a healthy sentiment and determination to grow. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a short and concise resume of the doings of Grand Lodges. New York is reviewed on two pages.

We find here 70 Lodges, with 3,500 members.

M. W. and BRO. W. B. TATE (*Ou'Appelle*), Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN M. SHAW, (*Regina*), Grand Secretary.

## FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

### ENGLAND.

April 27, 1910, the Annual Grand Festival was held in Freemasons Hall, London. A Special Grand Lodge was held on May 19, 1910, which was devoted to passing resolutions of sympathy and condolence to the Royal Family upon the death of the late lamented King Edward VII.

June 1 another meeting was held, where the many reports of the various Boards were read and adopted, and again, September 7, another business meeting was held. From all these we can gather that Masonry is in a good prosperous and healthy condition in the tight little island.

While England is comparatively small in territory, it embodies a vast power, and speaks with a potential voice among the civilized peoples of the earth, and the Colonies, Provinces, and Dependencies of the British Crown mean a large share of the territory of the world, wherever the British flag waves there also the Masonic flag is found, and Masons can be found wherever British influence prevails. Centred on the small island of Great Britain, it extends east and west, until it spans the earth with its benign influence, its liberty and freedom, and there, side by side, works the silent but effective influence for good of our Fraternity. It has kindled Masonic light in every part of the globe and on the islands of the seas.

Like the roll call of the British drum, so the call of the Masonic brother, asking for aid, relief and brotherhood may be heard from the rising sun to the setting sun, encircling the whole earth and reaching the ear of all the people everywhere. This is a grand fact.

We regret that we can quote nothing reproduced from the so-called Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The small pamphlets that come to us are small in size, though large in figures, and important as to deeds.

### IRELAND.

From the small pamphlet of only forty pages, published by this Grand Lodge, we cull a few interesting items. The Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, SIR JAMES CREED MEREDITH, LL.D., on St. John's Day, December, 1910.

In the opening address the Deputy laments the death of King Edward and Gerald FitzGibbon. Memorial services were held throughout Ireland in memory of the late Patron of Masonry in Great Britain, in Dublin, in Derry, and other places. In all appropriate resolutions were

passed and adopted and forwarded to the Royal Family. Six new warrants for Lodges were granted, one to twenty-nine brethren holding Orders in the Presbyterian Church, these clergymen to hold a Lodge of their own in the District of Ballymacarrett.

Ireland has three "Masonic Jewels," a Masonic Orphan Girls' School, a Boys' School, and Jubilee Fund, which pays an annuity to deserving brothers or their widows.

**"PRESENTATIONS OUT OF LODGE FUNDS."**

"I spoke on a former occasion, brethren, about presentations made out of Lodge Funds. I thought what I said was quite clear, but it has been misunderstood, and therefore I must try to make myself still clearer, because I was written to from one Lodge, the members of which are most of them personal and highly esteemed friends, telling me that in their District there was a presentation about to be made to a certain distinguished brother, and that they were anxious to collect subscriptions from the individual members of the Lodge. It was not a Masonic Presentation, but one from outside bodies altogether. The members were anxious to collect individual subscriptions, and hand in the amount as a subscription from the Lodge, and they asked me was that legitimate, having regard to what I had said. I never said anything in opposition to such action, because all I did object to was that Lodge Funds, which had been impressed with a Masonic trust by being dedicated to Masonic purposes, should be taken away from those purposes to make private presentations. But if any dozen men choose to put their hands into their own pockets and collect money which they afterward say is coming from the Lodge, there is no objection whatever to that."

(This holds good in New York, as well as in Ireland and everywhere.)  
His Grace, the DUKE OF ABERCORN, K. G., M. W.: Grand Master.  
RIGHT HON. LORD PLUNKET, Grand Secretary.

## SCOTLAND.

Quarterlies are held here also, at which a mass of business is transacted through the many Boards established in this Grand Lodge. We find here about the same difficulty to write of anything of interest to the brethren of New York. Figures and figures fill the pages of the small pamphlets that come to us. The only relief here is the Annual Feast of St. Andrew, which is minutely described and where some excellent speeches are made, commending the Grand Lodge, the District Grand Lodges, the Past Grand Masters, the City of Glasgow, etc.

In connection with the proposal to form a Grand Lodge of Queensland, it was resolved to submit a memorandum to Grand Committee, and to suggest that Grand Committee should now instruct Grand Secretary to communicate with the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland with regard to the procedure to be adopted in setting up and recognizing a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and if it should be thought advisable, to suggest to them a meeting of representatives of each of the Home Grand Lodges, at which all the questions necessarily

arising in connection with the constitution and recognition of the new Grand Lodge might be discussed and adjusted, and resolutions adopted whereby the interests of those Lodges who do not desire or do not feel themselves justified in joining the new body, might be duly safeguarded.

The memorandum was read, and the report approved, and in addition to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, the Chairman of the Foreign and Colonial Committee, and the Chairman of the Petitions, Complaints, and Appeals Committee, were appointed the Scottish representatives.

In looking over the roll of Lodges, we find them in every direction—South America, Australia, China, India, Africa, America, Cape of Good Hope, and the isles of the sea, thus demonstrating the wide diffusion of Masonry and the unusual character of the institution. Around this grand old land of song and story, the land of Scott and Burns, cluster the great world-wide happy family of Free and Accepted Masons. It may be said of Masonry, as it has been said of Great Britain, that the sun never sets upon the Lodges, Chapters and Masonry, in which gather the faithful and true. Venerable with age, and powerful and strong in numbers, intelligence, worth, and character, it is indeed a great institution.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

*21st Communication.*

*SYDNEY.*

*Ending June, 1909.*

Quarterly meetings, July, September and December, 1908; March and June, 1909. The Grand Master makes an address at each of these meetings; this keeps the Most Worshipful very busy (His Excellency M.' W.' BRO. ADMIRAL SIR HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, C.C.B.). This distinguished Craftsman is the Governor of this Province, and has since returned to the Mother Country, to be succeeded in office by LORD CHELMSFORD. A vast amount of business was transacted at all of these meetings, the Reports of the Board of General Purpose, the Benevolent Board, the Board of Trustees, Grand Inspectors, District Deputy G. M. and all the various Committees make up a good-sized book. The Craft is in a prosperous condition, as is shown in all these reports. Seventy Lodges meet in their own Temples.

A memorial tablet in memory of the late Past Grand Master M.' W.' BRO. JOHN COCHRANE REMINGTON, was unveiled at one of the meetings.

The charity of these brethren, judging from the reports, is unstinted, and is bestowed in true Masonic spirit without display and with free and kindly heart.

We find here 223 Lodges, and 13,768 members.

His Excellency, the RIGHT HON. FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, K.C.M.G., Grand Master.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, (*Sydney*), Grand Secretary.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

M. W. BRO. HIS EXCELLENCY the RIGHT HON. SIR SAMUEL J. WAY, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice of South Australia, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, etc., etc., Grand Master. Meetings were held here on October 4 and 17, 1909; October 20, 1909, and the Annual on April 20, 1910, at Adelaide.

Very little of interest to the brethren of New York occurred at any of these meetings except to know that here, as elsewhere, the banner of Freemasonry waves high and is held aloft by a sturdy band of earnest and zealous brethren. They have 53 Lodges, with 3,595 members. R. W. CHARLES R. J. GLOVER is Grand Secretary. Both the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected. In the brief report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is favorably quoted.

## **TASMANIA.**

The half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Hobart on August 26, 1910, and was opened with prayer. The Pro. G. M. explained the absence of the Grand Master, who was in Sydney, representing this Grand Lodge at the installation of the Grand Master of new South Wales.

BRO. HENRY L. DEEMENT, President of the Board of General Purposes, read his report, as did the President of Board of Benevolence, BRO. T. F. STUMP.

In the absence of the Grand Master, M. W. C. E. DAVIES, the Pro Grand Master, read the address. In it he deploras the death of the late Grand Master of English Freemasonry, King Edward VII. Grand Lodge transacted all its business at one session. Tasmania has 30 Lodges, and 1,410 members.

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

Quarterly meetings were held on July 22, October 28, 1909; January 27, 1910. At this meeting the Grand Master had the pleasure to report that he greeted and welcomed BRO. LORD KITCHNER, who was made a Past Grand Warden of England in 1897, District Grand Master of Egypt and Soudan in 1899, and District Grand Master of the Punjab in 1902, which position he holds at the present time.

At this meeting also is reported the appointment of BRO. FRED LEMMERMAN as their Representative for the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Annual meeting was held at Perth on April 28, 1910, at which

M. W. RIGHT REV. C. O. L. RILEY, Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master, presided. In his address he says:

"The Masonic world is generally tranquil. This is to us a great blessing, for it gives us time to develop our Masonic Charities. Of all the years that are past the last has been the most memorable as far as your benevolence is concerned. I, as your Grand Master, am proud to be able to congratulate you on the true Masonic spirit shown and the work done. We can look forward to the future in full assurance that the Craft will rise to the height of its obligations to relieve those in distress."

Then recounts the official visits made (forty-five), and even gives the attendance at each. Seventeen dispensations were granted for various reasons and functions. The good brother complains of a great evil prevalent everywhere, in New York, no less than in far-off Australia. "Unaffiliation, Exclusion," is the term used.

"This year we have received into Freemasonry 207 candidates by initiation, and we have struck from our roll no less a number than 109 for non-payment of dues. This, to my mind, cannot be satisfactorily explained, and indicates either a careless selection of those who apply for admission or a free-and-easy method of disposing of those who have probably grown lukewarm and disinterested—in some cases owing, no doubt, to the lax manner in which the affairs of the Lodge are conducted. A remedy must be found for this unsatisfactory condition of things, which cannot be allowed to continue without doing the Craft an incalculable injury. I find that one Lodge during the past ten years has excluded for non-payment of dues no less than 63 members, and quite a number of Lodges between 30 and 40. This leads me to wonder what efforts were made on the part of the Lodge Officers to secure payment of the arrears owing. In addition to sending the usual registered letter, did the Master himself go, or did he send some tactful officer to interview the delinquent member and to urge him to come to some arrangement with the Lodge to save his name being placed on the Excluded List? I am afraid not. The Master will probably answer my question by saying the offending brother received due notice to pay, which he disregarded, and, consequently, the exclusion is his own lookout. Very likely; but the unfortunate brother who has placed himself in this position is not so well acquainted with the laws and regulations of the Craft as the officers of the Lodge are, and while he may have neglected to discharge his duty to the Lodge, it is no reason why the Lodge should neglect its duty to him."

The Board of General Purpose and of Benevolence and of Widows, Orphans and Aged, and others, make good reports.

The address of the Grand Master covers twenty-five pages, and is a very able paper, as may well be expected from this able and distinguished Craftsman. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is well written. The Chairman appears to be BRO. J. D. STEVENSON, although the report is signed H. A. H. New York is reviewed on two pages.

This Grand Lodge has 88 Lodges and 3,687 members.

M. W. C. O. L. RILEY, Lord Bishop (*Perth*), Grand Master.

V. W. J. D. STEVENSON (*Perth*), Grand Secretary.



**NEW ZEALAND.***21st Communication.**WELLINGTON.**May 11, 1910.*

M. W. CHRISTOPHER JAMES WHITNEY BLENHEIM LORD PLUNKET is Grand Master of this far-off prosperous Grand Lodge. As is the custom in all the Provinces of England, the several Boards make their annual reports. There is the Annuity Board, Board of Benevolence, Board of Management of Widows and Orphans Fund, Board of General Purposes. All these reports show an earnest and zealous activity that can only result in good to this Grand Lodge and to the Craft in general. In the absence of the Grand Master, the following letter was read:

"As loyal citizens and brother Freemasons, I know that every member of Grand Lodge joins with me in heartfelt lamentation for the calamity which has fallen upon our Empire, and for the loss of the Patron of our Craft.

"At such a moment it is impossible for me, remembering my public capacity, to take part in any ceremonies save those connected with the Sovereign, and I cannot, therefore, be present with you to-day.

"This I deeply regret, as I had hoped to have personally thanked Grand Lodge again for the trust it so long reposed in me, to have offered my congratulations, and paid my respects to your new Grand Master, and to have said some words of farewell to my New Zealand brethren.

"I can only assure my brethren that I am with them to-day in spirit and in sympathy; that I shall never forget their loyal support and constant goodwill, and that the progress of the Craft in New Zealand will remain of deep interest to me throughout my life."

Pro Grand Master, in his address, also refers to the death of King Edward in feeling terms. He says:

"As Freemasons, his death directly affects us, for at the time of his decease he occupied the position of Patron of our Grand Lodge, and held the title of Protector of Freemasonry. I would remind you of the statement made by him on his accession to the throne, when resigning the position of Grand Master of English Freemasons and assuming the title of Protector of Masonry, that 'he would not cease to take the same deep interest which he had always felt in Freemasonry.' His subsequent actions fully exemplified how well and truly he carried this into effect. The Craft throughout the world has benefited to a great extent through the late king's attachment to it and its principles and teachings. His potent influence was always exerted in the promotion and conservation of everything which pertained to the welfare and happiness of his people. He lived and ruled in the hearts and affections of his subjects.

"The mantle of sorrow now sets heavily upon us in our assembly to-day, where we hoped to meet together in so much joy and happiness. We cannot at present measure the extent of our loss, in the future alone will this be revealed to us.

"As subjects of the British Empire, we share in the nation's grief

and mourning, while all nations and races throughout the globe join in sympathy with our country in its distress.

"The Almighty's fiat has gone forth, and our Illustrious Brother and Beloved Sovereign has been summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe into His immediate presence, there to receive his just reward. His mission here is ended, and we feel this comforting assurance that his Master's call found him ready with the task assigned to him on earth 'well finished.' We hoped and prayed that he would be spared to us for some time to come, but as such was not the Great Architect's will, we bow with reverence and resignation to His decree."

An illuminated address was sent to R. W. BRO. LORD KITCHENER, who had been invited to attend Grand Lodge, but could not spare the time from his multitude of business and official duties.

A motion was carried to appoint a Committee to arrange for a permanent location of Grand Lodge. A large proportion of the Proceedings are filled with the reports of the controversy of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of England, though this seems to be in a fair way of being amicably adjudicated, in true Masonic spirit of both sides to "give and take."

The Committee (of one) on Foreign Correspondence presented a very readable report by BRO. ALFRED H. BURTON, Past Grand Master, who quotes and reviews New York on four pages. He claims to be an apprentice, but has turned out "good work, square work, such as may be used in building the Temple." It shows a very good hand for an apprentice.

We find here 170 Lodges, and 10,850 members.

M. W. CHRISTOPHER JAMES WHITNEY (*Griffiths*), Grand Master.  
R. W. MALCOLM NICCOL (*Wellington*), Grand Secretary.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

From this far-off land we received a report of the doings of the District Grand Lodge. The meeting was held March 15, 1910, at Cape Town, under British auspices, being and belonging to the Grand Lodge of England. The W. Deputy District Grand Master, BRO. G. E. O. BENNETT, presided, and BRO. F. LYTTON KNIGHT is District Grand Secretary. We find in this District 25 Lodges, and 1,442 members.

## VALLE DE MEXICO.

The meeting was opened in due form by the M. W. Grand Master, JOSÉ J. REYNOSO, at 3:30 P.M., in the main hall of the Masonic Temple in the City of Mexico.

The Grand Master was accompanied in the East by the M. W. Hon. Grand Master ad-vitam, BRO. MANUEL LEVÍ, and by Past Grand Masters EDUARDO YARZA, FREDERICK E. YOUNG and R. I. GUZMÁN.

The following Masonic powers were represented by the brethren here named:

Catalana Balear, by BRO. C. H. CURTIS; Coahuila, by BRO. J. J. REYNOSO; Colorado, by BRO. H. SELOVER; Cuba, by BRO. E. YARZA; England, by BRO. J. C. MORDOUGH; Hamburg, by BRO. F. VON THADEN; Louisiana, by BRO. M. H. KAISER; Michigan, by BRO. A. PRÓ; Mississippi, by BRO. J. C. MORDOUGH; Nevada, by BRO. F. E. YOUNG; New Brunswick, by BRO. F. HERR; New York, by BRO. F. E. YOUNG; Oaxaca, by BRO. A. C. ATRISTAIN; Oregon, by BRO. E. T. CRAIG; Texas, by BRO. A. W. PARSONS, and Veracruz, by BRO. A. PARRA.

The Lodges of the Jurisdiction were represented by the brethren in due form.

Considerable discussions were had anent the adoption of a new constitution, which was finally adopted by a large majority.

The Grand Master stated that in accordance with the law, the meeting would proceed to the election of officers of the Grand Lodge for the year 1910-1911, and therefore he declared the meeting constituted into an electoral college.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with the following results:

M. W. Grand Master, BRO. JOSÉ J. REYNOSO; R. W. Deputy Grand Master, BRO. G. W. STEVENS; R. W. Grand Senior Warden, BRO. ADOLFO FENOCHIO; R. W. Grand Junior Warden, BRO. W. H. SEAMON; R. W. Grand Secretary, BRO. ALBERTO PRÓ; R. W. Grand Treasurer, BRO. H. W. SELOVER.

The M. W. Grand Master-elect then took the oath of office before Past Grand Master ALBERTO PRÓ, and, having been duly installed, he received the other officers elected, who were then duly installed.

A turbulent scene was then enacted. Past Grand Master LEVÍ, with several brothers, seceded from the Grand Lodge, and declared their intention to form a new Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary, ALBERTO PRÓ, went out with the rebellious faction. Let us hope that peace and harmony may be restored to the brethren of this Grand Lodge before long.

M. W. JOSÉ J. REYNOSO, Grand Master.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, Grand Secretary.

## UNION OF THE GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY.

[Review and Translations by BRO. EMIL FRENKEL, Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Prussia, called "Royal York zur Freundschaft," also of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, John Stewart Lodge, No. 871, and Past Master of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 279.]

Freemasonry in Europe generally, and especially within the sphere of the Grand Lodges' Union, has continued practically unchanged on its old lines of slow but sure progress, and nothing of importance has occurred to alter that aspect of Masonic conditions so characteristic of the

work of the German Craft within the last decade. While the party lines within the German Grand Lodges' Union appear somewhat more obliterated through the action of last year's Diet, the grouping of the three Prussian Grand Lodges on the one and that of the five humanistic Grand Lodges on the other hand may still be reported as existing. Fortunately, the uproar in consequence of the action regarding the recognition of the Grand Orient of France, as adopted by the Diet of 1909, has subsided, especially as the succeeding convention of 1910 unanimously established the rule that, as far as recognition of foreign grand bodies by the Union is concerned, such decisions must be carried by a three-fourths vote. Thus it will be impossible hereafter for the five smaller German Jurisdictions to outvote their numerically much stronger sister organizations in the direction mentioned; and this has been accomplished without infringing upon the underlying principle of the Union: that each Grand Lodge should have only one vote in the general legislative council. While the formal recognition of the Grand Orient of France, therefore, remains a fact, the situation is also true that the three old Prussian Grand Lodges continue to decline to enter into an exchange of mutual representatives with the Grand Orient. However, some other Grand Lodges have appointed mutual Garants d'Amitié, and are nursing such friendly relations.

The year just passed has been rendered particularly memorable by a number of important Masonic events of a joyful and a mournful character, and among the former the centenaries of the foundation of the Grand Lodge "Zur Sonne" in Bayreuth, on January 22, 1911, and of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, on February 5, 1911, represent milestones in the development of the royal art, which should not be overlooked. We are referring to the same in detail in the following special reports.

Among the sad events we chronicle with particular emotion the untimely demise of Past Grand Master CARL WIEBE, of Hamburg, undoubtedly one of the best-known and most representative Masons of our generation. The general admiration for this foremost Craftsman entertained by everybody who had the fortune to come in personal contact with him and by the legion of his followers who knew his work and his character only from his writings and the pure Masonic principles he always stood in the front line to uphold, will keep his memory green until time shall be no more.

Two more sad losses were suffered by the same Jurisdiction in the deaths of Past Grand Master MOLTSMANN and Past Grand Secretary HUGO LISSAUER, both sturdy workmen in the Masonic quarries. Another Past Grand Master joined the silent majority when STEFAN VON RAKOWSKY, Honorary Grand Master of Hungary, departed this life on March 4, 1910.

The Grand Orient of Belgium, having at its disposal every ten years a prize of 10,000 francs left by BRO. PEETERS BAERTSOEN for the most deserving works from the standpoint of Masonic principles, published in Belgium or elsewhere by a Freemason, and this prize being available for the third time, for the decennium, 1899 to 1909, the jury having

this matter in charge proposed the apportionment of the amount as follows:

	<i>Francs</i>
For the concise history of Freemasonry, by BRO. R. F. GOULD...	4,000
For Vol. I of Freemasonry in England, by BRO. W. BEGEMANN..	2,000
For the works of BRO. NYS.....	1,000
For Vol. I of Libro del Masone Italiano.....	500
For the works of BRO. DESCHESNE.....	500
For "Freimaurertum," by BRO. OTTO NEUMANN.....	500
For "La Cité Rebâtée," by BRO. SOLARI.....	500

A very detailed report shows the value of each publication that has been recognized by the jury, consisting of Past Grand Masters FERNAND COCQ, JEAN HARDE, GOBLET D'ALVIELLA, CHARLES MAGNETTE and BRO. PIERRE TEMPELS.

For statistical tables, we beg to refer to pages 110—111.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of various reports, transactions, and other Masonic publications, as enumerated in detail below, from the different Grand Bodies. We have read the same with much interest, and the knowledge gained therefrom enables us to follow the development and progress of the Fraternity wherever Freemasonry is practised in the civilized world.

#### PRINTED TRANSACTIONS, PROTOCOLS AND MASONIC PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:

1. Report of the German Grand Lodges' Union, Nos. 1 and 2, 1910-1911.
2. Report of the Executive Committee of the Victoria Stiftung, 1910.
3. Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, "Bundesblatt," Nos. 6-8, 10-22 inclusive, 1910; Nos. 2-5 inclusive, 1911; also directory of the same Grand Lodge, 1910-1911.
4. National Grand Lodge of Germany, Series X., 1, 2 and 3; also membership status of June 24, 1910.
5. Grand Lodge Royal York zur Freundschaft, Series 1909-1910, Nos. 4 and 5; Series 1910-1911, Nos. 1, 2 and 3; also roster of membership for the year 1910-1911. Printed report of the Representative of the Grande Loge de France to the Grand Lodge Royal York zur Freundschaft, December 5, 1910.
6. Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Series XLIII., Nos. 424-427; Series XLIV., Nos. 428-433. Membership List of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg as of date of July 1, 1910; also "Bausteine," monthly publications of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Berlin, April to December, 1910, and January to March, 1911; also pamphlet issued as memorial of the Tenth Anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge, October 10, 1910, and special publications upon the Centennial Jubilee of the Grand Lodge (February 5, 1911).
7. Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, Reports from the Protocols of the Eclectic Grand Body, Nos. 289-294. Annex to the Protocols of the Eclectic Union, with Reports of Subordinate Lodges for the year 1909-1910.

8. Grand Lodge zur Sonne: Bayreuther Bundesblatt, Series X., Nos. 6 and 7; Series XI., Nos. 1-5, inclusive of pamphlet in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, January 22, 1911; also membership list of this Jurisdiction, issued September 1, 1910.

9. Grand Lodge Zur Eintracht in Darmstadt: Membership List of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges for the Masonic years, 1910-1912.

10. Grand Lodge of Hungary: Orient, Series XXII., Nos. 2, 5-12; Series XXIII., Nos. 1 and 2.

11. Grand Lodge of Switzerland: Alpina, No. 12, 1909; No. 13, 1910. Report of the Activity of the International Bureau for Masonic Affairs, 1903-1910; also Bulletin of the International Bureau of Masonic Affairs, Nos. 22-28, Vol. VIII., 1-4 and Vol. IX., 1.

12. Grand Orient of the Netherlands: Bulletin No. 34, issued, 1910; also Jaarboekje voor Nederlandsche Vrijmetselaren.

13. Grand Orient of Italy; Rivista Massonica, Series XLI., Nos. 5-16 inclusive. Acacia, Rivista Massonica, Series II., Nos. 10-12, 1909; Series III., Nos. 13-17, 1910; also Massoneria Universale Rito Scozzese Ant. et Acc., Annuario, No. 1.

14. Grand Lodge of Cuba: Annuario, 1910.

15. Grand Orient and Supreme Council of the Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Mensagem, 1909-1910.

16. Grand Lodge of San Salvador, Official Organ, Series II., No. 19; also Anuario Masonico de la Gran Logia "Lealtad" del Estado de El Salvador, 1910.

17. Grand Lodge of Brazil: Boletim, Series XXXV., Nos. 4-9 inclusive.

18. Grand Orient of Greece, Bulletin No. 4, Athens, 1910.

## DIET OF THE UNION OF THE GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY

The 35th annual Diet of the Union was held on May 15, 1910, in the rooms of the Lodge "Johannes der Evangelist zur Eintracht," in Darmstadt.

There were present:

BRO. GERHARDT, Grand Master; BRO. JOHN VON REITZENSTEIN, Representative; BRO. BERNHARDI, Representative, of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes.

BRO. GRAF ZU DOHNA, Grand Master; BRO. KRAUTZ, Representative; BRO. KLEFFEL, Representative, for the National Grand Lodge of Germany.

BRO. KELLER, Deputy Grand Master, BRO. BOUCHÉ, Representative, BRO. GIESE, Representative, for the Grand Lodge Royal York of Prussia.

BRO. KLAPP, Grand Master, BRO. UHRBACH, Representative, BRO. BENDA, Representative, for the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

BRO. WALDOW, Grand Master, BRO. KIESSLING, Representative, BRO. KLÖTZER, Representative, for the Grand Lodge of Saxony.

BRO. GOTTHOLD, Grand Master, BRO. BANGEL, Representative, BRO. ERBACH, Representative, for the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union.

BRO. SCHILLING, Grand Master, BRO. KESSELRING, Representative, BRO. RACKHORST, Representative, for the Grand Lodge of the Sun.

BRO. STAUDINGER, Grand Master, BRO. EGENOLF, Representative, BRO. SÜSS, Representative, for the Grand Lodge of Concord.

BRO. STAUDINGER, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Concord, executive head of the Union for the current Masonic year, and the power under whose auspices the Diet was held, welcomed the delegates and conveyed to them the greetings of BRO. WAGNER, Grand Master of Royal York, prevented from attending.

The report of the Finance Committee of the Union showed that each constituent Grand Lodge was subject to a tax of M. 91.97 for the expenses of the Union for the current year. The "Victoria-Stiftung," as well as the Ladies' Home at Dahme, were considered by the delegates. Various recommendations were discussed and M. 8,600 were voted for charitable purposes.

Of prime importance was the debate as to the future voting strength of the constituent Grand Lodges in the Union. The three Old Prussian Grand Lodges, and especially the National Grand Lodge of Germany, had, as we noted in detail in last year's report, favored an arrangement whereby in questions touching cardinal doctrines of German Masonry, their votes would preponderate, or at least equal, the votes of the other five bodies combined. In the present Diet, on the vote to give the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes and the National Grand Lodge of Germany each two votes, the remaining bodies each one, on all matters to be decided by the Union—a suggestion worked out at the Grand Masters' Conference in December, 1909—five Grand Lodges voted in the negative and the National Grand Lodge of Germany in the affirmative. The Grand Lodges of the Three Globes and Royal York refrained from voting. Then, on the question of adopting the conclusions arrived at in Bayreuth, the National Grand Lodge of Germany voted in the negative, the others in the affirmative. Thus this plan, requiring unanimous action, failed of adoption.

The original suggestion of the Grand Masters' Conference then was again debated. A Committee, consisting of BROS. GERHARDT, GRAF ZU, DOHNA, KLAPP, WALDOW, and BENDA, was appointed to solve the problem. They reported back to the Diet, proposing that, while each Grand Lodge have but one, and only one, vote in the Union, for the adoption of resolutions dealing with the recognition of foreign Masonic powers, a majority of three-quarters of the Union in their favor is a prerequisite for adoption. It will be recalled that, under the simple unit rule of majorities, heretofore prevailing, the five smaller Grand Lodges combined were able to carry propositions (e.g., the proposed recognition of the Grand Orient de France by the Union, although not necessarily by the constituents thereof, at the Diet of 1909), in the face of the active opposition of the three Old Prussian Grand Lodges. Such an amendment to the fundamental law of the Union would preserve both the autonomy of each constituent Grand Lodge and respect the larger membership of

the three Old Prussian bodies. The Committee's proposal was unanimously adopted, and it is to be hoped that thus this *quæstio verata* has been satisfactorily and definitively solved.

The question whether recognition shall be accorded the Grand Lodges of El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Turkey was left in abeyance, there being no motion looking to this end by any constituent body. The motion of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to erase the Grand Orient of Egypt in Alexandria, a body which has become defunct, from the list of recognized foreign powers, was adopted.

Summing up the work done at the last Diet of the Union, we may say it augurs well for the future usefulness of this body. All the constituent members have now found their bearings, and thus will be able to work together in strength and perfect harmony.

### **Victoria-Stiftung.**

This truly magnificent charity, maintained by all the German Grand Lodges in union, has another year of progress as its record. At the session of the Executive Committee of the foundation, held at Berlin, April 2, 1910, BRO. GERHARDT, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, was re-elected Chairman.

The capital of the various funds devoted to its support, for the fiscal year 1908-1909 reached M. 488,261.02, an increase, as compared with the corresponding figure for the preceding year, of M. 16,709.65. This is divided in the following accounts: The amount of the building fund for the Ladies' Home is M. 271,933.77, an increase of M. 4,806.35. The charity fund has a capital of M. 106,222.20, an increase of M. 2,073.55. The fund of the foundation at Dahme now stands at M. 34,516.35, an increase of M. 9,847.25, and the Auguste-Victoria fund at M. 75,588.70, against M. 75,606.20 in the previous year.

### **THE GRAND LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES (GROSSE NATIONAL-MUTTERLOGE DER FREIMAURER IN DEN PREUSSISCHEN STAATEN, GENANNT ZU DEN DREI WELT- KUGELN), IN BERLIN, S. (Splittbergasse 3).**

Protector: His Royal Highness, BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia.

Grand Master: BRO. KARL GERHARDT, Privy Councillor of the Government, Berlin, W. 57, Potsdamer Str. 71.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DR. WILHELM BERNHARDI, Professor.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ERICH MEYSSNER, LL.D., Attorney-at-Law.

Grand Archivist: Address BRO. BARON VON REITZENSTEIN, Major Berlin, S. 14, Splittbergasse 3.



Editor of the "Bundesblatt," the official publication: BRO. GUSTAV DIERCKS, Ph.D.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. HENRY STRAHMANN; near the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, BRO. DR. RUDOLF DAHMS, Professor.

The Lodge of the Three Globes was erected by FREDERICK THE GREAT, shortly after his accession to the throne of Prussia, September 13, 1740. It was organized as a Grand Lodge June 24, 1744, FREDERICK being Grand Master, and continuing as such to his death in 1786.

This Jurisdiction is the largest and most important in Germany, and claims the allegiance of 144 St. John's Lodges, with an active membership of 15,754 brethren. The Grand Lodge and its constituent parts control 393 charitable institutions of various kinds, 27 Masonic Circles and 72 Scottish Rite Lodges.

Sessions of the Grand Lodge were held on March 12, May 8, June 11, June 24 (Festival of St. John), September 10, November 2, and December 2, 1910.

In the past year this body entered into fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and the Grand Orients of Greece and Chile.

As a result of the differences then existing in various bodies of German Freemasonry, over the question of resolutions adopted by the Union of the Grand Lodges and their validity, early in 1910 the Grand Master gave a new, detailed exposition of the subject to his Grand Lodge. Moreover, a number of brethren of subordinate Lodges of this Masonic power, utilizing the Masonic press for this purpose, ventured to criticize the Grand Master, and declared that his attitude would produce a disruption of the Union. The Grand Lodge voted to regard such a procedure as treason to the obligations of these persons as brethren and censured them sharply for it.

The Ritual for the degree of M. M. has been revised and amplified, and, by this writing no doubt, has appeared in print. BRO. DAHMS exemplified it at a session of the Grand Lodge; various brethren suggested changes in it, designed to enhance its religious character and significance.

A new subordinate Lodge, "Charlotte zu den drei Nelken," was erected in Meiningen. This Lodge was formerly subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Saxony, and since 1905 has possessed its own Lodge building. At the time of the transfer of its allegiance from Saxony to the Three Globes, the Lodge numbered 166 brethren as members. A Masonic circle was founded in Quakenbrück under the control of the subordinate Lodge in Osnabrück. Another new circle was started at Halensee.


The subordinate Lodges, "Hercynia zum flammenden Stern," in Goslar, "Teutonia zur Weisheit," in Potsdam, and "Zum Tempel der Freundschaft," in Heiligenstadt, celebrated the 100th anniversary of their establishment in the past year. The subordinate Lodges, "James," in Bromberg, and "Zum preussischen Adler," in Insterburg, were each 125 years old; while the subordinate Lodge, "Zu den drei Kronen," in Königsberg I/P, was able to observe its 150th birthday.

**BRO. DAHMS** delivered the introductory address of welcome at the St. John's Festival of 1910. The Grand Archivist presented the report of the Grand Lodge for the Masonic year, 1909-1910, while the Grand Lecturer, **BRO. FRICKE**, spoke learnedly on the symbolism of the day. **BRO. DAHMS** conducted the Lodge of Sorrow of the Grand Lodge for 1910. He touched, in his introductory remarks, on the ideals of a Mason, while the Grand Lecturer, **BRO. ADLER**, spoke on the Masonic views of life.

At the December, 1910, session the Deputy Grand Master presided, and referred to the indisposition of M.' W.' **BRO. GERHARDT**, Grand Master. We trust this was merely temporary in its nature and that the eminent Mason was soon able to lead his Grand Lodge in person with his accustomed vigor and efficiency.

The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, the strongest Masonic domain in Germany, has another successful year of activity behind it! The brethren in this Jurisdiction bend all their efforts in every direction to further the cause of our institution, and may rest content with what they have accomplished to these ends.

## **THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GERMANY (GROSSE LANDESLOGE DER FREIMAURER VON DEUTSCHLAND) AT BERLIN W. 30 (Eisenacherstrasse 12).**

The Wisest Master  of the Order (Vicarius Salomonis): His Royal Highness **BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD**, Prince of Prussia.

Honorary Grand Master: **BRO. KARL J. E. GARTZ**, Privy Councillor of Justice and Director of the County Court, Steglitzer Strasse 85, Berlin, W. 35.

Grand Master: **BRO. Count STANISLAUS ZU DOHNA**, Ph.D., former Colonel.

First Deputy Grand Master: **BRO. RICHARD KLEFFEL**, M.D., formerly Head Physician of Navy.

Second Deputy Grand Master: **BRO. OSCAR HUGO**, Lieut.-General.

Grand Archivist and Librarian: **BRO. Professor Dr. WILHELM WALD**.

Grand Secretary: **BRO. HANS ESPEUT**.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, **BRO. CHRISTIAN DOHM**; near the Grand Lodge of Germany, **BRO. WILHELM BEGEMANN**, Ph.D.

The Grand Lodge was founded December 27, 1770, and controls, according to latest statistics (June, 1909), 7 Chapters, 3 Provincial Grand Lodges, 38 St. Andrew's and 138 St. John's Lodges, 14,504 brethren and 361 charitable institutions.

The Universal Lodge of Sorrow of this Grand Lodge was held on March 9, 1910, the Grand Master presiding. The Grand Lecturer, **BRO. HASSENKAMP**, delivered the oration.

At the annual convocation of this body, held March 22 and 23, 1910, several matters of importance were disposed of. A new Lodge of St. John, called "Reinoldus zur Pflichttreue," was erected at Dortmund, and two new Masonic circles, "Zum Drei-Eck," in Myslowitz, and "Zur Wacht im Westen," in Strassburg, were established. The celebrated St. Andrew's Lodge, "Discreta," in Königsberg, was enabled to observe the centenary of its foundation. The Grand Master, at the principal session of this convocation, in the chair referred to existing conditions in German Masonry, and the Grand Lodge unanimously supported him in the views he had expressed as their representative.

A word deserves to be said concerning BRO. WILHELM BEGEMANN'S "Vorgeschichte und Anfänge der Freimaurerei, in England," the third and concluding volume of which is now in press. This *chef-d'œuvre* represents the unremitting labor of the author for upward of thirty years and gives, as no other previous writer in this field has given, a complete and detailed account of the origin and rise of the Masonic Institution in England, the mother country of the Craft throughout the world. -BRO. BEGEMANN'S narrative includes a full chronicle of the "Ancients" and "Moderns" in England up to the union of their two bodies in 1813.

BRO. BEGEMANN, the Chairman of the Historico-Literary Commission of this Grand Lodge, reported that four historical works, subventioned by it, are in course of preparation, and was re-elected to head this body for the next three years.

In a lengthy address by the Grand Master, he stated that the new St. John's Rituals would be distributed by the end of the calendar year; the Ritual for the St. John's Festival would be ready by June 24. He further said that the St. John's Festival must, as a matter of principle, be observed on the 24th of June, not as an occasion for Lodges to exchange visits with one another, but by each brother in his own Lodge. He then offered suggestions for the balloting of candidates from St. John's Lodges in St. Andrew's Lodges; only the Lodge, and not its staff of officers, can declare a member unaffiliated because of non-payment of dues, etc.

The Grand Master, too, presided at the St. John's Festival of the Grand Lodge on June 24, 1910, and delivered the address of welcome, in which he considered the history of the St. John's Rituals used by this body, and discussed the "Regulations of the Order," prescribing the duties and conduct of Masons subordinate to this power. After the usual official reports, the closing of the old Masonic year and the opening of the new in Due Form, the Grand Lecturer, BRO. FREY, spoke on John Calvin.

The subordinate Lodge at Görlitz has vigorously protested against the erection of an additional Lodge in that locality.

Our resumé of the work done in this Masonic Jurisdiction during the past year gives proof that the ideals for which these brethren stood in the days gone by still animate them. The Grand Lodge has pursued steadfastly the even tenor of its way, and made a comparatively small, but distinctly encouraging, numerical gain in membership.

## THE GRAND LODGE ROYAL YORK OF PRUSSIA (GROSSE LOGE VON PREUSSEN GENANNT ROYAL YORK ZUR FREUNDSCHAFT), AT BERLIN N. W. (Dorotheenstrasse 27).

Protector: BRO. FREDERICK LEOPOLD, Prince of Prussia.

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. HEINRICH, Prinz zu Schoenaich-Carolath.

Grand Master: BRO. Professor BRUNO ALWIN WAGNER, Ph.D., Berlin, N.24, Monbijon Platz, No. 11.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. LUDWIG KELLER, Ph.D.

Grand Secretary: BRO. GUSTAV MITZLAFF, former Lieutenant-Colonel.

Mutual Representatives: near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. GOTTHARDT A. LITTHAUER; near the Grand Lodge Royal York, BRO. ERNST PLÜMACHER.

This Grand Lodge was founded in 1760 under an English charter, and became an independent Grand Lodge June 11, 1798. Its Provincial Grand Lodge of Silesia at Breslau was founded September 6, 1816.

The Grand Lodge controls 14 inner Orientals, 74 St. John's Lodges, 16 circles, 139 charities, and 7,500 members.

The annual Festival of St. John was observed in this Grand Lodge on June 24, 1910. Sessions of the Grand Lodge were held on March 7, April 30, May 1, June 6, September 5, November 11, and December 5, 1910.

A new ritual for "Schwesternfeste" has been adopted. The erection of a new Lodge, "Wiking zur Wahrheit," in Kiel, an outgrowth of the local Masonic circle of the same name, was approved. A new Masonic circle, "Zur Eintracht am eisernen Berge," in Diedenhofen, was founded. A second new Lodge, "Armin zur Treue und Einigkeit," has been established in Altona, and a third at Charlottenburg. This last is called "Luise zur gekrönten Schönheit." A fourth is called "Zum Anker," and is located at Barth.

At the spring session of Grand Lodge, at which BRO. KELLER, Deputy Grand Master, presided, the hope was expressed by him that Royal York would ever continue to maintain friendly relations with every Grand Lodge, especially the Masonic powers of Germany, without throwing in its allegiance with any particular system.

The new song-books of Royal York have been distributed, one for each member of every subordinate Lodge. Regular members of Royal York will in future be taxed M. 2.75 annually, special members only M. 1, for the relief and assistance of the weaker subordinate Lodges and as a means of providing funds for the erection of new Lodges and circles. A motion looking to the end that only Master Masons ballot for candidates for membership in the subordinate Lodges was withdrawn. So, a motion to the effect that believers in non-Christian faiths are eligible to

membership in the Inner Orient of the Grand Lodge, was similarly disposed of.

A motion in favor of the resumption of friendly intercourse with the Grand Orient de France provoked a rather acrimonious debate. The Deputy in the chair declared that Grand Master WAGNER favored this as soon as the requisite proof that the Grand Orient had restored the Ancient Landmarks was forthcoming. Until then, no action of this kind should be taken. The proposer of the motion, in one place, however, stated that it was far more important for German Masons to walk hand in hand with those of France, than for the quite formal intercourse with America to be maintained. If, at the present juncture, Royal York resumes friendly intercourse with the Grand Orient de France, it might cost (he thought) the former the friendship of, say, Indiana, Iowa, and Michigan, but no more. Finally, the motion was tabled.

In the absence of both the Grand Master and his Deputy, the Senior Grand Warden presided at the St. John's Festival, and delivered an address of welcome. The Grand Lecturer, BRO. GROSSE, spoke on "The Art of Living."

The Grand Master appealed to the brethren to purchase copies of the history of the Grand Lodge, prepared by BRO. GROSSE, as well as the new song-book of Royal York. Many of the subordinate Lodges had not yet supplied their members with copies.

The Grand Master presided at the Universal Lodge of Sorrow, held November 11, 1910, and delivered the introductory address. He spoke on the loss of loved ones in death. The Grand Lecturer, BRO. GROSSE, treated on the symbolism of the grave.

The various charitable funds of the Grand Lodge appear to be in excellent condition.

A lengthy report on the condition of Masonry in France, especially on the situation as respects both the Grande Loge and the Grand Orient de France, was made to the Grand Lodge by BRO. EUGEN GOLDHEIM, Representative of the Grande Loge de France, near Royal York. He made a special trip to Paris for this purpose. He stated that the Grande Loge and its subordinate Lodges employ the time-honored formula, T.: G.: O.: T.: S.: A.: O.: T.: U.: United in 1894 with the schismatic "Grande Loge Ecossaise Symbolique" (organized in 1879), the Grande Loge controls the three symbolic degrees; and only one of its subordinate members refused to accept the prescribed ritual. The Grand Orient de France, with which the Grande Loge de France has nothing in common and must not be confounded, is another French Masonic body. As BRO. WAGNER pointed out to his Grand Lodge, the Grand Orient will not be raised to the plane of fraternal intercourse by Royal York, which is maintaining in this respect the position taken by the other two Old Prussian Jurisdictions.

Royal York continues to pursue its time-honored policies; the Grand Lodge enjoys friendly relations with Masons of every system, without committing itself to any definite subject of controversy. Thus, with the maintenance of outward harmony, Royal York exhibits, as usual, inward advancement in all directions.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF HAMBURG IN HAMBURG (Welckerstr. 8).

Grand Master: BRO. LUDWIG KLAPP, Clergyman, Norderquaistr. 27.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. F. UHRBACH.

Grand Secretary: BRO. WILHELM SCHWANCK, Osterbeckstr. 11.

Grand Archivist: BRO. E. J. R. TIEDTKE, Welckerstr. 8.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. BENNO LOEWY, Attorney-at-Law; near the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, BRO. CARL ROEHLK, Clergyman.

The Grand Lodge was instituted as Provincial Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Lower Saxony on October 30, 1740, and was constituted as an independent Grand Body on February 4, 1811. It controls at present (June, 1910) one Provincial Grand Lodge in Berlin and 55 subordinate Lodges with an active membership of 4,856 brethren, 91 charitable institutions and 15 Masonic circles; 43 of its Lodges are located in Germany, 5 in South America, 2 in Egypt, 2 in German S. W. Africa, and 1 each in Denmark, Servia, and Turkey. The seven Berlin Lodges, including those situated in Charlottenburg, Stettin and Breslau, form the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hamburg in Berlin (Joachimsthaler Str., No. 13), which was founded on October 18, 1900; it is presided over by Provincial Grand Master BRO. Professor Dr. HEINRICH MOELLER, with BRO. HUGO HELLMANN as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge held sessions on May 7 and 8, June 14, September 17, November 12 and 24, December 29, 1910, and January 5, 1911.

On May 1, 1910, the recently erected subordinate Lodge, "Laokoon," in Ludwigslust, was set to work in Due Form. Two additional St. John's Lodges, "Schumadija," in Belgrade, and "Kaiser Friedrich III.," in Lüderitzbucht, in process of formation, were approved of. The latter is the former local Masonic circle of the same name. The former was set to work on July 8.

The Grand Master's position, with respect to the important question of independence in voting in the Union of the Grand Lodges, agitating the German Craft, received the approbation of his brethren. The Grand Lodge in the course of an official communication to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, with respect to the status of its subordinate Lodge, "Christian til Palmtraetet," in Copenhagen, declared that no German Lodge declined fraternal relations with this member of the Masonic body politic. A subordinate Danish Lodge had endeavored to give circulation to the rumor that this statement was not founded on facts.

On February 4 and 5, 1911, the Grand Lodge was able to celebrate with much *éclat* the one hundredth anniversary of its founding. We congratulate our devoted Hamburg brethren on this auspicious event! May the ideals for which they have striven through so many years continue to encourage them to labor in the cause which unites us all with unimpaired vigor for many centuries to come.

The Grand Lodge met on February 4 and 5, 1911, to observe the centennial of its institution. Grand Master KLAPP, who presided, remarked that he trusted the coming century would be as fruitful in good works for Hamburg as the past had been. We cordially echo his sentiment! A new circle, "Zur Wacht an den Grenzen," in Kattowitz, was formed, and H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, G. M. of England, elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge.

The actual celebration of the centenary was begun with the elaboration of a special opening ritual. The Grand Master, in his remarks, said that three dates stand out in the history of Hamburg—1737, when the first German Lodge, "Absalom," was erected; 1740, when the Grand Master of England recognized a Provincial Grand Master of Hamburg and Lower Saxony; and 1811, when the Grand Provincial Lodge declared itself free and independent. The Grand Lecturer, BRO. KASTEN, presented the portraits of the deceased P. G. M. WIEBE and the present G. M. KLAPP to the Grand Lodge, and a very large number of brief addresses and telegrams of congratulation from powers maintaining friendly relations to Hamburg, from its subordinate bodies, and from individual Masons of prominence, were presented. The German Emperor and the Senate of Hamburg sent their felicitations. A "Festtafelloge" terminated the festival.

We regret that time and distance prevented us from felicitating in person our brethren of Hamburg on this memorable event in their history. To the generous invitation extended us we cabled our congratulations and regrets for our enforced absence. To the last our courteous friends in the Hansa city returned a due acknowledgment.

We rejoice to note that M. W. BRO. KLAPP, who suffered from grievous bodily sickness at the time of the writer's European trip last summer, is again restored completely to full health and vigor.

BRO. KLAPP and BRO. SCHWANCK were again chosen Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge. We extend our felicitations to both of these distinguished Craftsmen on the renewed honor and signal expression of confidence they thus received from their brethren.

This body determined to voice a sharp protest against the recent Borromeo-encyclical of the Pope, and to secure this if possible in the shape of a manifesto put forth by the Executive of the Union of the Grand Lodges on behalf of their constituents.

On June 24, 1910, the Grand Lodge, in company with the members of its seven subordinate Lodges in Hamburg, observed the St. John's Festival. The Grand Master, BRO. KLAPP, presided, and, in his introductory address, characterized the day as a festival of light, of joy. The Grand Lecturer, BRO. KASTEN, in his discourse, treated of Freemasonry in its attitude to the modern striving for social betterment.

A new subordinate Lodge, "Germania," has been founded in Mexico. The receipt of our list of Grand Lodge Officers, as well as the official notification of the demise of our M. W. brethren, JAMES TEN EYCK and J. EDWARD SIMMONS, was fraternally acknowledged.

On December 16, 1910, M. W. JOHANNES MOLTMANN, P. G. M.,

died after a lingering illness in the 57th year of his age. He headed this Grand Lodge for a brief period in 1904.

On October 18, 1910, the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hamburg in Berlin was observed by this body with due ceremony, Bro. MÖLLER, Provincial Grand Master, in the chair. In this connection the Provincial Grand Lodge devoted an entire issue of its journal, "Bausteine," to papers presenting an account of the founding of this Provincial Jurisdiction in 1900. Much of the uninterrupted prosperity and usefulness of this power during the past decade are to be ascribed to Bros. MOELLER and HEILMANN, Prov. G. M. and D. G. M. respectively, whose activity within the Provincial Grand Lodge has been most salutary in its effects.

On November 17, 1910, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Freemasonry in general were compelled to mourn the loss of M. W. CARL CORNELIUS WIEBE, Past and Honorary Grand Master. A week thereafter the Grand Lodge of Hamburg held, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair, an extraordinary Lodge of Sorrow in his memory. On this occasion Bro. URBACH, D. G. M., spoke of his services to Grand Lodge and reminded those present that the late Bro. WIEBE had been entrusted with the preparation of a history of the Grand Lodge and other labors in connection with the centenary of this body in February, 1911. The Deputy Grand Secretary read a necrology of the deceased, from which it appears that he was in his 61st year, had been a merchant in the Transvaal and Germany, and was Grand Master from 1893 to 1904. The Grand Lecturer, Bro. KASTEN, delivered a memorial oration. On November 27, 1910, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hamburg in Berlin also held a Lodge of Sorrow for the late Bro. WIEBE, at which Provincial Grand Master MÖLLER and Bro. L. MÜFFELMANN spoke. Bro. WIEBE's services to the German Craft, especially to that portion of it which stands upon the humanitarian platform, were of a transcendent order of excellence, and we sincerely sympathize with our Hamburg brethren in this, their and our, great loss. Our personal relations with the deceased will ever remain to us a cherished memory!

The present writer recalls with vivid feelings of pleasure and satisfaction his meeting in Europe last September with Bros. WIEBE, P. G. M.; URBACH, D. G. M., and TIEDTKE, Grand Archivist of Hamburg. Alas! this was the last time we were able to grasp our departed friend, Bro. WIEBE, by the hand!

A new subordinate Lodge, "Frithjof zum Nesselblatt," in Kiel, was set to work November 17, 1910; a new Masonic circle, "Zum Anker an der Ems," in Emden, under the control of the subordinate Lodge, "Zu den drei Ankern," in Bremerhaven, was approved. At the end of November, 1910, the subordinate Lodge, "Christian til Palmetraeet," in Copenhagen, celebrated its tenth "Stiftungsfest," at which time it began to issue a new Masonic periodical, "Frimureren."

The Grand Master presided at the Universal Lodge of Sorrow of the Grand Lodge and recounted the names and deeds of the distinguished Craftsmen who died in 1910. The Grand Lecturer, Bro. KASTEN, delivered an oration.



On January 5, 1911, at an extraordinary session, the Grand Lodge resolved to approve the formation of another new subordinate Lodge in Görlitz, and to call it "Carl Wiebe zum ewigen Licht."

Hamburg experienced a number of bitter losses during the past year: distinguished Craftsmen were called hence, and it is to be hoped that younger and equally active spirits will rise to take their places. On the side of the amount of membership and Lodges, eminently satisfactory progress may be said to have been made.

## **THE GRAND LODGE OF SAXONY (GROSSE LANDESLOGE VON SACHSEN) IN DRESDEN (Ostra-Allee 15).**

Grand Master: BRO. EDMUND WALDOW, Privy Councillor of Architecture and reporting Councillor of the Royal Treasury Department, Klara Str. 10, Dresden.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. FRANZ KIESSLING, Ph.D., Leipzig.

Grand Secretary (Corresponding): BRO. RUDOLF GOTTSCHALL, Carlowitz, Strasse 19, II, Dresden.

Grand Archivist and Deputy Grand Secretary: BRO. EMIL KNOLL.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. JACOB HOFER; near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, BRO. Prof. Dr. OSCAR LEHMANN.

The Grand Lodge was erected September 11, 1811. It now governs 25 Lodges with 4,487 members, 181 charities, and 29 Masonic circles.

This body seems to have held three Grand Lodge sessions during the Masonic year 1909-1910, viz., on October 14, 1909, and January 15 and April 30, 1910.

We have not been favored with the receipt of any reports of proceedings, and therefore are regretfully unable to make comments on the work of this Jurisdiction. The report of the Grand Lodge to the Union reveals the fact that BRO. ERNST HATTENIUS, for a number of years the Grand Secretary, entered the External East in the preceding twelve-month. BRO. KIESSLING was duly obligated as Deputy Grand Master at the October (1909) session.

The subordinate Lodge, "Charlotte zu den drei Nelken," in Meiningen, was permitted to dissolve its connection with this Grand Lodge and to become subject to the control of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes.

The loss of the members of its Meiningen Lodge produced a net decrease in the number of members on the roster of the Grand Lodge of Saxony for 1909-1910. It is to be hoped that the results of this defection will not be permanent in their nature, but that Saxony will in numbers, as in all other respects, continue to maintain the position it has created for itself within German Masonry.

## GRAND LODGE OF THE SUN (BUNDES- UND GROSS-LOGE ZUR SONNE) IN BAYREUTH (Hofgarten 19).

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. HUGO FICKE, City Councillor, Freiburg i. B.

Grand Master: BRO. ALEXANDER SCHILLING, Presiding Judge of the County Court, Bayreuth.

Address: Landgerichts—Director SCHILLING, Bamberg, Markusstrasse 2a.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. KARL KESSELRING, Municipal School Commissioner in Würzburg.

Grand Secretary: BRO. GEORG HEINRICH FISCHER, Karlstrasse 5, Bayreuth.

Grand Archivist: BRO. AUGUST BENCKER,

Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. LEOPOLD GUGGENBERGER; near the Grand Lodge of the Sun, BRO. KARL SCHNEIDER.

This Lodge was erected January 21, 1741, and constituted as an independent Masonic sovereignty December 11, 1811. It controls 34 St. John's Lodges, 2 of which are in Norway under the Regional Grand Lodge "Polarstjernen," in Christiania, and 13 circles. Its roster shows 3,253 members with 101 charitable institutions.

Provincial Grand Master: BRO. KRISTIAN SEMB KIELLAND, M. D., Trondhjem.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master: BRO. HAAKON TRESENG, Kristiania.

Provincial Grand Treasurer: BRO. JOHAN OSKAR EMIL EVENSEN, Kristiania. This provincial body has 196 members and 8 serving brethren.

The Grand Lodge held its annual convocation on May 7 and 8, 1910, in Brunswick, in the rooms of its subordinate Lodge, "Dankward zum rauhen Stein." The executive council of the Grand Lodge held its sessions on March 19, September 24, 1910. The Grand Master presided.

This body of Masons has entered into fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient de France, in Paris, and exchanged representatives. A new Masonic circle, "Zum geschlossenen Buch," has been founded in Bochum. Fraternal condolences were extended the Grand Lodge of New York on the deaths of Past Grand Masters TEN EYCK and SIMMONS. The receipt of our proceedings for 1910 is acknowledged.

On October 16, 1910, the brethren of this Jurisdiction celebrated the seventieth birthday of M. W. HUGO FICKE, Honorary Grand Master, at Bad Reichenhall, with elaborate ceremonies.

On January 22, 1911, in connection with the one hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge, the Executive Council met in the rooms of the Subordinate Lodge "Eleusis zur Verschwiegenheit," in Bayreuth. Past Deputy Grand Master FRIEDRICH ENGEL (1896-1905) died on December 25, 1910. A new Masonic Circle, "Bruderkränzchen zur

Freundschaft im Naabtale," at Weiden i. O., was duly approved of. The circle "Bethesda," in Kissingen, was dissolved upon its consolidation with the summer-circle, "Zur Freundschaft an der Saale," in that locality. Representatives were exchanged with the "Gran Logia de Chile," in Santiago.

The centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge was most worthily and fittingly observed, the Grand Master presiding and conducting a special ritual for the occasion. His address on CAESAR LUDWIG SCHUNTER, who, 100 years ago, organized this body as a Grand Provincial Lodge, and thus made it independent of every other Masonic power, was a fine tribute to the services of this eminent man and Mason. BRO. DR. PABET, of Munich, Acting Grand Lecturer, delivered a splendid address, in which, after noting the chief facts in the history of the Grand Lodge of the Sun, he pointed out the ideals by which present-day Freemasonry is to be guided. An address by BRO. DR. GOLDSCHMIDT, of Reichenhall, and a "Tafelloge" brought the interesting proceedings to a close. The celebration in honor of the birthday of the German Emperor was united to this. It was a gala occasion, for, while this Grand Lodge was constituted as the Mother-Lodge of the Sun on January 21, 1741, it was not until January 24, 1811, that the Grand Lodge as such was formally erected as a Provincial Grand Lodge of Royal York.

This small, but ever active, Jurisdiction seems to have held its own during the past year. This is a very favorable and encouraging record, when one remembers how overshadowing is the progress, with the consequent influence, of the northern powers in the German Empire.

## **GRAND LODGE OF THE ECLECTIC UNION (GROSSE MUTTERLOGE DES EKLEKTI- SCHEN FREIMAURERBUNDES ZU FRANK- FURT AM MAIN).**

Grand Master: BRO. PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN GOTTHOLD, Ph.D., Mauerweg 32, Frankfurt a/M.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. LUDWIG BANGEL, Kaiserstr. 66.

Grand Secretary (Recording): BRO. PHILIPP HERTZ.

Grand Secretary (Corresponding): BRO. HEINRICH SCHNEIDER, Neue Mainzerstrasse 68.

Grand Archivists: BRO. FREDERICK SCHMIDT and BRO. HERMANN GÜNTHER.

Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. DR. J. E. REINTHALER; near the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, BRO. PROFESSOR EDUARD HOFFMANN, Ph.D., of Hanau a/M.

This Grand Lodge was organized March 18, 1783, and proclaimed as an independent Masonic Power January 13 (November 14), 1823.

There are 22 subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 3,350 brethren.

ren, who control 65 charities, irrespective of 9 Masonic circles within the Jurisdiction.

Sessions of this Grand Lodge were held on February 28, May 8, August 22, November 29, and December 15, 1910, in the rooms of the local Lodge "Zur Einigkeit." The Festival of St. John was observed June 25, 1910, in the Lodge "Zur aufgehenden Morgenröthe."

The newest subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, "Furchtlos und Treu," in Heilbronn, has now been actively at work for more than a year.

At the first session in 1910 the Grand Master reported at length on conditions in the Union of the Grand Lodges of Germany, and on the deliberations of the Grand Masters' Conference of 1909. He reminded the assembled brethren that the Union, as such, had entered into friendly intercourse with a number of foreign Masonic Powers without the unanimous consent of the constituent Grand Lodges for this purpose.

The receipt of our proceedings for 1910 and of our list of Grand Officers is fraternally acknowledged.

The Annual Communication, held May 8, 1910, was well attended. The Grand Master, who presided, in his address of welcome referred in feeling terms to the death, two days earlier, of BRO. KING EDWARD VII, P. G. M. of England and Wales. In the room of the late BRO. WILHELM LOTZ as Corresponding Secretary, BRO. HEINRICH SCHNEIDER was elected. The Grand Orient de France and the Grand Lodge of Louisiana announced their choice of Representatives near Frankfurt. Changes in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, as well as in its Rituals for the three degrees, are in progress. The question of permitting the subordinate Lodges to have the freest hand in working the Ritual was referred to the committee having this subject in charge, and was finally disposed of in the new preface thereto. It is proposed to prepare and publish a history of the work of the Grand Lodge since 1883.

The Deputy Grand Master presided at the St. John's Festival, and greeted the assemblage. His oration which followed, on World-Masonry and National-Masonry, was masterly. The lecture of BRO. LAQUER, Grand Lecturer, dealt with the soul-states of man and their subjugation by means of Masonic principles. The M'. W'. of the new German Lodge, working under the Grand Lodge of Belgium, BRO. ALBERT J. KRÜGER of the Lodge "Hansa," of Antwerp, was present as a visitor, and made a short response of thanks for the fraternal reception accorded him.

This Grand Lodge has sent letters of condolence to our own body for the deaths of the M'. W'. BROS. J. EDWARD SIMMONS and JAMES TEN EYCK, P. G. Masters. It united in the protest prepared but afterwards withdrawn by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, against the recent Borromeo-encyclical of Pope Pius X. The Lodge "Zur aufgehenden Morgenröthe," in Frankfurt, dedicated its new clubhouse. The synopsis of the activities of the different subordinate Lodges for the year 1909-1910 has again been prepared by BRO. DR. DIETERICH with his customary care and thoroughness. The request of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota for fraternal recognition was referred to the executive of the Union of German Grand Lodges.

All the representatives of the twenty-two subordinate Lodges voted at the session of November 29, 1910, in favor of the reelection of M. W. BRO. GOTTHOLD as Grand Master, and R. W. BRO. BANGEL as Deputy Grand Master for a new term of three years. Both of these distinguished craftsmen accepted this renewed expression of confidence from their brethren, and we congratulate them and the Masons who continued them in office. In the hands of these two leaders, the destinies of the Eclectic Union are safe, BRO. GOTTHOLD having striven with success to secure a complete and perfect harmony in the Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges, as well as between the former and sister Jurisdictions in the German Empire. The other Grand Lodge officials were substantially reelected at a subsequent special session.

The past year may really be called a "banner period" for the Eclectic Union. On every hand the signs of increased zeal and efficiency in Masonic work are visible.

## **THE GRAND LODGE OF CONCORD (ZUR EINTRACHT), AT DARMSTADT IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF HESSE-DARMSTADT.**

Protector: His Royal Highness ERNST LUDWIG, Grand Duke of Hesse.

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. PHILIPP BRAND, Mainz, Rheinstrasse 3-5/10.

Grand Master: BRO. PROFESSOR FRANZ STAUDINGER, Ph.D., Darmstadt, Insel Str. 26.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. KONRAD EGENOLF, Merchant and Honorary Alderman, Darmstadt.

Grand Secretary, Grand Librarian and Grand Archivist: BRO. WILHELM SÜSS, Darmstadt, Mühlstr. 70.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. E. T. HAEBLER; near the Grand Lodge of Concord, BRO. GEORG WILHELM KOCH, Giessen.

The Grand Lodge was organized March 22, 1846. It has jurisdiction over eight St. John's Lodges, having a total membership of 717, who maintain twenty-three charities.

This Grand Lodge has held two sessions in the past year. On November 7, 1909, a meeting took place in Offenbach; on April 17, 1910, one was held in Worms.

We regret we cannot make a detailed report on the progress of this body for the past year, no proceedings having been received.

In the past year Grand Master STAUDINGER was reelected to his present office. The various subordinate Lodges and Masonic circles report having had an active season of work, with numerous lectures and discussions on philosophical and ethical themes behind them. All these facts point to the maintenance of the olden ideals: "Schauen, Bauen und Vertrauen," in full vigor on the part of our Hessian brethren.

## GRAND LODGE "ALPINA" OF SWITZERLAND (SCHWEIZERISCHE GROSS-LOGE ALPINA) IN LAUSANNE.

Grand Master: BRO. JACQUES OETTL, Professor of Chemistry, Place Chauderon No. 14, Lausanne.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. EMILE WILCZEK, Professor at the Botanical Laboratory, Lausanne.

Grand Secretary: BRO. LUCIEN MASSON, Martheray No. 28, Lausanne.

Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. GUSTAV ABRAMS; near the Grand Lodge Alpina, BRO. C. REICHENBACH-BERNHEIM, St. Gallen.

The Grand Lodge was founded June 12, 1844, and controls 34 Lodges with 3,842 members; 19 Masonic circles also enjoy the protection of the Alpina through various subordinate Lodges. Until June, 1915, corresponding to the term of the present Grand Master, its reports, proceedings, etc., will be published in the French language and its seat will be in Lausanne.

The new Grand Lodge officers were chosen at the Annual Communication, held at Vevey, June 4 and 5, 1910.

The executive council of the Grand Lodge, during the last year of the preceding regime, met at Berne on October 24, 1909, at Zürich on February 20, 1910, and, on April 24, 1910, at Neuchâtel. The Grand Lodge decided to withdraw its adhesion to the proposed International Congress at Lyons, France, as the same had not been approved of by the Grand Orient de France. The topic of Masonic discussion for the subordinate Lodges for 1909-1910 was carefully considered. It, with kindred matters, was again gone into at the joint meeting of the Council and the various Masters of the subordinate Lodges.

A clandestine lodge, "Helvetia," has been discovered in operation at Basel.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge for 1909 totaled F. 13,883.25; the expenditures, F. 10,881.65. The capital of the charitable funds of the Grand Lodge on December 31, 1909, stood at F. 193,260.25, an increase of F. 10,872.50 over the previous year.

The Grand Lodge devoted a sum of money for its new school and education foundation, and proposes to endow this eventually with F. 10,000. For the year 1910, each subordinate Lodge will pay a per capita tax of F. 3.50.

The "Bulletin" of the International Bureau for October-December, 1910, contains an interesting article on Masonic homes in the United States. While full particulars of the institution at Utica are supplied under New York, no mention is made of the German home at Tappan.

The International Bureau of Masonic Relations (Address: REV. ED. QUARTIER-LA-TENTE, P. G. M. of the Alpina, Beaux-Arts 26, Neuchâtel,

Switzerland), has been reorganized, the Grand Lodge Alpina having determined to permit allied Masonic Powers, desirous of so doing, to watch with it over the work of the Bureau.

At the Annual Conference of the Masters of Subordinate Lodges in Berne on October 2, 1910, it was resolved not to proceed to a revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at the present time, nor to submit any new topics of discussion to the Lodges.

The Alpina seems to have worked out with measurable success a plan for the management of the International Bureau in the past year. This accomplished, the year's work in and for Swiss Masonry may be looked upon as satisfactory.

## **THE SYMBOLIC GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY AT BUDAPEST (VI. Bezirk Podmaniczky-utcza 45).**

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. FRIEDRICH GLÜCK, Hotel Proprietor.

Grand Master: BRO. ARPAD VON BÓKAY.

Deputy Grand Masters: BRO. DR. SIMON MESSINGER; BRO. JOSEF ERNUSZT; BRO. LUDWIG SZMIK.

Grand Secretaries: BRO. DR. IGNATZ FEKETE, Counsellor-at-Law, and BRO. KOLOMAN BAKONYI, Judge.

Grand Librarian: BRO. DR. ALEXANDER FRAENKEL.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. EDWIN B. ANDERSON, Palmyra, N. Y.; near the Grand Lodge of Hungary, \_\_\_\_\_.

Address for Correspondence: MORITZ VÁRADI, Budapest VI, Podmaniczky-utcza 45.

This Grand Lodge was founded March 23, 1886, as the result of the union of the St. John's Grand Lodge with the Grand Orient of Hungary. It has jurisdiction over 72 subordinate Lodges, 7 Masonic circles, and 5,200 (December 31, 1909) brethren. Of the Lodges, 57 are in Hungary.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Budapest in March, 1910. The Executive Council, as customary, held regular monthly sessions.

The question of a Masonic daily journal was carefully considered. Various conferences looking to the establishment of such an organ were held. It began to appear as MS. for Freemasons in September, and is called "Progresszio."

In December, 1909, a new subordinate Lodge, "Zsilvölgy," was erected at Petrózsény. In the future notices to the members to attend regular meetings of the Executive Council will contain the principal subjects to be disposed of on the agenda. Various Hungarian secret societies came in for the consideration of the brethren. It was found that most of these are anti-Semitic and anti-Masonic in character and proclaim their true-blue Magyarism from the house-tops. To guard against these societies

from influencing Hungarian Masons, the Grand Master was given the authority to institute an annual password for the subordinate Lodges.

The police, it was found, had not interfered in any way with the Lodges on the borderland. Their activity was confined only to clandestine bodies of this nature. Another new subordinate Lodge, "Hiram," was instituted at Pressburg on May 9, 1910. The Grand Lodge decided to procure further information before concluding an exchange of Representatives with the new Grand Lodge of Roumania. Provisionally, a new subordinate Lodge has been set to work at Szeged. This result was only reached by the chairman's deciding vote, as the leaders of the new Lodge had dimitted from the existing Lodge in that locality. This Lodge, "Szeged," was set to work June 18.

BRO. MARTIN VON MARTONFFY, having severed voluntarily his connection with Masonry, ceases to be an Honorary Grand Master of the Hungarian Craft. The question of establishing a new subordinate Lodge in Ujpest was deferred.

Again in the past year were the Hungarian Masons compelled to consider and defend themselves from clerical attacks. It was resolved in this connection that each instance of attacks on freedom of thought be noted, the full particulars thereof set down and transmitted to the Grand Master for future use. So, also, the Grand Lodge dealt with the increased cost of living, and determined to carefully investigate the subject for the purpose of seeing what could be accomplished by it herein.

The news of the death of our M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS evoked an expression of regret.

On December 7, 1910, the subordinate Lodge, "Corvin Mátiás," held a lodge of sorrow in memory of the late BRO. STEFAN V. RAKOVSKY, Honorary Grand Master.

The subordinate Lodge, "Arpád," was warned in respect of its Masonic duty toward the newly-constituted subordinate Lodge "Szeged." The members of these two bodies should dwell together in unity and concord. A new Lodge, "Alkotás," was started at Szabadka.

Inasmuch as bishops in their pastoral letters hold Freemasonry in Hungary responsible for many anti-religious tendencies, the Grand Lodge voted to recommend the subordinate Lodges to avoid discussions of religious questions. Thus the enemies of the institution will be unable to draw on fresh examples for their animadversions. It seems, too, that some Hungarian Masons do not jealously guard the Masonic secrets in daily life. After all, we live in quite a small world!

At the session of the Executive Council of December 17, 1910, the appointment of R. W. EDWIN B. ANDERSON as the representative of the Symbolic Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York, was made known and confirmed. We congratulate this craftsman upon his admission to the circle of foreign representatives!

To commemorate its fortieth anniversary, the subordinate Lodge, "Neuschloß, die alten Getreuen," established a foundation, the purpose of which is to encourage the production of books dealing with sociological topics.

Permission was granted a subordinate Lodge to regard as unaffiliated




or dimitted, instead of as suspended, a member who declared (the day after his initiation) his inability or lack of desire to participate in the work of his Lodge.

An annual subvention of Frs. 250 for 1911 was voted the International Bureau for Masonic Relations, in Switzerland.

Hungarian Masons have seemingly much to contend against, with their acute profane problems. Nevertheless, they perform much good work for the development of our beloved institution in their section of the world.

## **THE GRAND LODGE OF DENMARK, AT COPENHAGEN (Klaerkade 2).**

Grand Master  of the Order: His Majesty, BRO. FREDERICK VIII., King of Denmark.

Grand Master: His Royal Highness, BRO. CHRISTIAN, Crown Prince of Denmark.

Past Grand Master: His Highness, BRO. HANS, Prince of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg, Glücksburg.

Deputy Grand Master: His Royal Highness, HARALD, Prince of Denmark.

Grand Secretary, BRO. RASMUS OELLGARD NIELSEN, Klaerkade 2, Copenhagen.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. FREDERICK C. WAGNER; near the Grand Lodge of Denmark, BRO. JENS PETER AASTRUP.

This Jurisdiction was established November 16, 1858, and controls one Provincial Grand Lodge at Odense, two St. Andrew's, ten St. John's and fifteen Lodges of instruction, with a total membership of 4,560 brethren.

We have received no communication from this Jurisdiction, which is explained by the fact that it is not customary in Denmark to print any protocols of the Grand Lodge's sessions. Only historical reviews are published on certain occasions.

On St. John's Day, 1910, this body controlled 211 serving brethren. Of its members, 2,624 belong to St. John's Lodges, 940 to the St. Andrew Lodges, and 996 possess the higher degrees.

A public course of lectures on the history and purposes of Freemasonry was delivered during the past winter at the University of Copenhagen.

## GRAND LODGE OF SWEDEN, AT STOCKHOLM (Blasieholmen No. 6).

Grand Master  $\dagger$  of the Order: His Majesty, BRO. GUSTAV V., King of Sweden.

National Grand Master: His Royal Highness, GUSTAV ADOLF, Crown Prince of Sweden, Duke of Schonen.

Governor of the Order: His Royal Highness, BRO. OSCAR CARL WILLIAM, Hereditary Prince of Sweden.

Deputy Governor: BRO. PRINCE OSCAR CARL AUGUST BERNADOTTE.

Grand Secretary: BRO. N. C. DUNÉR, Emeritus Professor of the University of Upsala.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. CHARLES SCHUMACHER; near the Grand Lodge of Sweden, BRO. A. J. H. KLINTBERG, Rear-Admiral of the Royal Swedish Navy.

This Jurisdiction (IX. Province) was founded in 1731 and constituted as National Grand Lodge in 1760. There are now four Provincial Lodges, Kristianstad, Göteborg, Linköping, Karlstad, 13 St. Andrew's and twenty-seven St. John's Lodges, with a total membership of 13,558 brethren within its territory. Swedish Masonry is distinctly controlled by the Royal family.

We have been unable to collect any data regarding the progress of Freemasonry in the Swedish Kingdom, no protocols being published.

On January 7, 1910, this Body suspended fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Italy, because the latter had not remained true to the Ancient Landmarks, and notified all the Grand Lodges of the world of this, its action, by means of a circular letter.

The Swedish St. John's Lodges number 6,104 members, the St. Andrew's Lodges claim 2,756, and no less than 4,698 belong to bodies working the higher degrees.

## GRAND LODGE OF NORWAY, AT CHRISTIANIA.

Grand Master  $\dagger$  of the Order (ad interim): BRO. DR. JOHANN GOTTFRIED CONRADI, Physician.

National Deputy Grand Master: CHRISTIAN MALTHE SÖRENSSEN.

Grand Secretary: OLAF HEYERDAHL HEIBERG, Merchant. Address: O. H. HEIBERG, Christiania.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. RUDOLPH HOLDE; near the Grand Lodge of Norway, BRO. ANTON LUDWIG THUNE-LARSEN.

This Grand Lodge (X. Province) was founded May 10, 1891, and is composed of one Stewart Lodge, in Trondhjem, three St. Andrew's and eleven St. John's Lodges, the total membership being 4,029.

In this, as in the other Northern or Scandinavian Jurisdictions, it is

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not the custom to print and publish a record of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge; hence none has been received.

On December 5, 1900, a new subordinate St. John's Lodge, "Humanitas til de tvende Liljer," was established at Skien, the result of an amalgamation of the former subordinate Lodge, "Humanitas zu den zwei Lilien," of the Grand Lodge of the Sun (Bayreuth), erected in 1900, and the local Norwegian Masonic circle (founded in 1888).

On St. John's Day, 1910, this body numbered 4,029 members and 131 serving brethren. Of the members, 2,237 belong to the St. John's Lodges, 875 to the St. Andrew's Lodges, while 1,417 have the higher degrees. In Christiania alone are 2,124 members and 45 serving brethren.

## THE GRAND ORIENT OF BELGIUM, AT BRUSSELS.

National Grand Master: BRO. J. DESOAMPS, M.D., Mons.

National Past Grand Master: BRO. J. L. HASSE, Architect, Antwerp.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. M. VAN MEENEN, Attorney-at-Law and Mayor of St. Gilles.

Grand Secretary: BRO. J. NYNS-LAGYE, Professor, Brussels.

Address: M. RIAN-NEDGEOT, négociant, 8 Rue de Persil, Bruxelles.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. GEORGE McGOWN, Palmyra, N. Y.; near the Grand Orient of Belgium, BRO. ALBERT J. KRÜGER, Antwerp.

This is the supreme body in Belgium for the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry; it was founded February 25, 1831, and controls 21 Lodges.

We have received no reports from this Jurisdiction.

On April 24, 1910, the first subordinate Lodge working in the German language was erected. This is the Lodge "Hansa," located at Antwerp, the Master of which is BRO. KRÜGER, for many years the representative of New York near Belgium.

On September 10th and 11th, 1910, an International Masonic Conference was held at Brussels under the auspices of the Grand Orient. It was attended by some 500 brethren.

A new Lodge, "L' Ere Nouvelle," has been erected by this body at Stanleyville, in the Congo Free State.

On July 19, 1910, occurred the death, at Brussels, of BRO. CHARLES WAEFELAER, thirty-third degree, an active worker in the Belgian Craft. He was born in that city on October 26, 1827.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of an official notification from Belgium, advising us of the postponement of the International Conference from August to September (as noted above). As this did not reach us until after the session of our Grand Lodge, we were unable to act upon it.

## **THE GRAND LODGE OF THE NETHERLANDS (HET GROOT-OOSTEN DER NEDERLANDEN), AT THE HAGUE (Fluweelen Burgwal 22).**

Grand Master: BRO. S. M. HUGO VAN GIJN, Dordrecht.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. A. S. CARPENTIER ALTING, at The Hague.

Grand Secretary: BRO. H. J. W. VAN LAWICK.

Deputy Grand Secretary and Address: BRO. J. BOUDEWIJNSE, Bali-straat 74, The Hague.

This Grand Lodge was constituted December 25, 1756. Its jurisdiction covers fifty-two St. John's Lodges in Holland, twenty-eight in South Africa, seventeen in East India, two in West India, one in China and four Masonic circles, with a total membership of about 4,800.

On March 1, 1910, the membership of this body was, as follows:

In the Netherlands, 2,792 M. M., an increase of 137 over 1907.

In the Dutch East Indies, 717 M. M., an increase of 83 over 1907.

In the Dutch West Indies, 119 M. M., an increase of 9 over 1907.

In South Africa, 1,164 M. M., an increase of 24 over 1907.

The total, 4,792 members, thus gives an increase of 253 over 1907.

In the preface to the Annual Reports of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges for 1909, reference is made to the negotiations carried on between our own Grand Lodge and that of the Netherlands, with reference to an exchange of representatives. We thank our Dutch brethren for personal mention, and are glad to believe that our efforts in this direction met with such a ready and cordial response from both of the parties involved.

The Union of South Holland Lodges offers a prize of 200 guilders for the best popular work, in brief compass, on the ideals and objects of Freemasonry by a Dutch brother.

A new monthly magazine, "Maçonnick Tijdschrift," appears since September 1, 1910.

We trust that shortly the contemplated exchange of mutual representatives between the Netherlands and New York will be consummated. We are certain that event will be hailed with satisfaction by both Jurisdictions.

## **THE GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY, AT ROME (Palazzo Giustiniani, Primo Piano).**

Grand Master of the Order: BRO. ETTORE FERRARI, Sculptor and City Councillor.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. ADOLFO ENGEL.

Grand Secretary: BRO. CARLO BERLEND.

Office Manager of the Order: BRO. ULISSE BACCI, editor of "La Rivista Massonica," the only official publication of Italian Freemasonry.

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**Grand Master of the Scottish Rite: BRO. PROFESSOR ACHILLES BAL-  
LORI.**

**Head of the Symbolic Rite: BRO. TERESIO TRINCHERI, Private Teacher  
at the University in Rome.**

Founded in 1803, reconstructed in 1861 and 1864, and formally acknowledged in 1887, this Jurisdiction controls 321 St. John's, 6 Scottish and 9 Symbolic Regional Rite Lodges and 83 circles. In Roumania, Tripoli, Egypt, North and South America are 39 of the St. John's Lodges.

The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite has transferred to the newly-created Grand Lodge of Italy the control of 66 Symbolic Lodges and 38 Masonic circles.

The International Masonic Congress, to be held at Rome, is fixed for October, 1911.

Italian Masons, as such, participated prominently in the exercises commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the union of Sicily with Italy and of the march of the thousand to Marsala. This occurred notably in Genoa and Palermo.

By means of a circular letter, the Grand Master strongly deprecated the feuds between Socialists and Republicans, the tendency of which is to weaken the anti-Clerical party. The subordinate Italian Lodge in Servia is still inactive, but resumption of work is in contemplation, and a Grand Lodge of Servia may be formed by it, the two independent Lodges and the Lodge working under the Grand Orient de France.

We have been favored with the receipt of "Annuario N. I" of the Serene Grand Lodge of Italy, the Grand Master of which is BRO. SAVERIO FERA, thirty-third degree. This body controls 74 subordinate Lodges and 38 circles.

In the brief period from December 1, 1909, to July 1, 1910, the Grand Orient established 20 new subordinate Lodges (12 working the Scottish and 8 the Symbolic Rite) in Italy and her colonies, besides a large number of Masonic circles (triangoli). Inasmuch as Sweden, Pennsylvania and Illinois have broken off fraternal relations with the Grand Orient, the latter has decided to start its own subordinate Lodges in the former Jurisdictions.

After the last convocation of our Grand Lodge, we received a fraternal letter from the Grand Orient, congratulating us upon the election of our present Grand Master, BRO. KENWORTHY, and our other Grand Officers, which was much appreciated.

## **LA GRANDE LOGE DE FRANCE (Rite écossais ancien accepté), Paris, Rue de Puteaux.**

**Grand Master: BRO. GUSTAVE MESUREUR, Director of the Public Charity Department.**

**Deputy Grand Masters: BROS. WILLIAM SILVY and GUSTAVE DESMONS.**

**Grand Secretary: BRO. FELIX FIOLET.**

Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence: OSWALD WIRTH.

The Grand Lodge was reorganized 1893, and now controls 119 "Ateliers," of which forty-four are domiciled in Paris and its suburbs, forty-seven in the provinces, fourteen in the Colonies, and fourteen in foreign countries, with an active membership of about 6,700 brethren.

We have not been favored with any reports of the labors in this body during the last year.

The Fourth International Congress, at Lyons, on July 3, 1910, was not well attended. In 1911 another will be held in Paris, around Easter. A new monthly, "La Lumière Maçonnique," edited by BRO. WIRTH, now appears at Paris.

## **GRAND LODGE OF CUBA (LA GRAN LOGIA DE LA ISLA DE CUBA), IN HAVANA (Someruelos 40).**

Grand Master: BRO. AURELIO MIRANDA Y ALVAREZ, Amargura 30, Havana.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. JUAN DE LA CRUZ ALSINA Y ESPINOSA.

Grand Secretary: BRO. CARLOS G. CHARLES Y HUNTER, Someruelos 40, Habana.

Address: Apartado 72, Habana, Cuba.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. MILBURY VAN VALKENBURG (Rochester, N. Y.); near the Grand Lodge of Cuba, BRO. JUAN B. HERNANDEZ.

This Grand Lodge was founded in 1859. At one time three sovereign Grand Lodges existed on the island; they were united December 24, 1891.

"La Antorcha del Progreso" is the name of a new Masonic bi-weekly journal, the organ of the subordinate Lodge "Monte Christi," in Palacios.

From the "Anuario" for 1909-1910 of this Jurisdiction, it appears that the Grand Lodge held sessions on June 27, September 26, and December 26, 1909, besides the annual session of March 27 and April 3, 1910.

On December 5, 1909, the Grand Lodge celebrated its golden jubilee. The occasion was marked by the delivery of addresses and the rendition of poems befitting the day.

Dispensations were issued to form new Lodges in Manzanillo and Guantanamo.

As has become customary, the Grand Master's allocution is printed in Spanish and English. It appears that, while Masonic affairs in Cuba are in a satisfactory state, local political conditions are by no means all that may be desired. Hence the complaint is made that the officials of the Grand Lodge have not been able to devote their undivided attention to the development of the Masonic Institution. A hall is the latest visible sign of the progress of the Craft in the "Queen of the Antilles." Besides the two dispensations already referred to and another for a Lodge

at San José de las Lajas, four applications for such were pending, and two charters were accorded by the Grand Lodge to "Modestia," at Ciego de Avila, and "La Evangelista," at Isla de Pinos. Of former active Lodges, three were successfully revived; on the other hand, no less than six subordinate Lodges surrendered their charters and ceased to work.

The Grand Lodge publishes an official organ, "La Gran Logia," edited by the present Grand Master. We regret not to have been favored with copies of it. An additional Masonic monthly is "Oriente Masonico," hailing from Santiago de Cuba.

BRO. RODRIGUEZ, the able and conscientious foreign correspondent of Cuba, inaugurates a welcome departure this year: The introduction to his report appears in English. In this he refers at length and approvingly to the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in the matter of the application for recognition of Italy. Under New York he devotes almost two pages to fraternal, and, be it noted, most friendly consideration of our Report of Proceedings for 1909. We are obliged to our brother for kind personal mention. Cuban Masonic affairs admit of no other verdict than satisfactory.

We hope the Cuban Craft will continue to progress; with the adjustment of untoward political and social conditions, the future of Masonry in our West Indian neighbor seems bright, indeed.

## **GRAN LOGIA SOBERANA DE PUERTO-RICO, IN SAN JUAN.**

Grand Master: BRO. ANTONIO CORDERO FUERTES.

Grand Secretary: BRO. JOSÉ G. TORRÉS, P. O. Box 551, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, BRO. LOUIS MEYER; near the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, BRO. JOSÉ ENRIQUE DENTON, San Juan.

The Grand Lodge was founded September 20, 1885, and instituted October 8, 1885. There are 31 Lodges, with about 900 members, under its jurisdiction. No communications have been received.

## **THE GRAND LODGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU, IN LIMA.**

Grand Master: BRO. DR. J. ARTURO EGO-AGUIRRE, Apartada 178, Lima.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DR. IGNACIO LA PUENTE.

Grand Secretary: BRO. DR. ALBERTO QIMPER.

Mutual Representatives: Near the Grand Lodge of New York, ———; near the Grand Lodge of Peru, BRO. DR. J. ARTURO EGO-AGUIRRE in Lima.

The Grand Lodge was founded in 1831 and rejuvenated in 1882. It is sovereign over thirty-three Lodges, five of which are in Bolivia, three in Chile, and two in Ecuador, with a roster of about 550 active members.

Although our Grand Lodge is represented near Peru by the Grand Master of the Peruvian Grand Body, we have to report again that no proceedings of any kind have been received; hence our inability to give any more details regarding the status of Freemasonry in our Southern sister Republic.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Grand Orient of Greece in Athens (University Street 53 A).

Honorary Grand Master: PROF. DR. PHIL. EM. GALANIS.

Grand Master: BRO. N. P. BARBOGLY, Lieutenant-Colonel, Rue Hipokrate 87, Athens.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. A. ALEXANDROPOULOS, Attorney-at-Law.

Grand Secretary: BRO. J. S. E. CEPHALAS, Athens, Rue Anchesme, 17.

The Grand Orient was founded 1868. It controls 19 Lodges.

These Greek Masons follow the doctrines of the Scottish Rite.

The Grand Orient of Greece recognizes and accepts the international Masonic treaties, and all the Greek Masons up to the Thirty-third Degree as well as others from all over the world.

Of the subordinate Lodges, 8 are in Athens, 3 in other parts of Greece, 6 in Turkey, and 2 in Egypt.

#### Suprême Conseil Maçonnique Chef d'Ordre dans le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg (in Luxemburg).

Grand Master: BRO. JOSEF JUNCK, Head Station Master.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. JULES GODCHAUX.

Grand Secretary: BRO. JOSEPH LIMPACH.

The Supreme Council was established December 7, 1849. This, the smallest Masonic Power, controls one Lodge and one chapter. The Lodge "Les Enfants de la Concorde fortifiée" was founded November 22, 1803, has eighty members, JULES GODCHAUX, the Deputy Grand Master, being Master.

At the beginning of the present year, the Grand Master celebrated his golden jubilee as Station Master of the Central Terminal. The burgomaster and town council of Luxemburg entertained him at a banquet, at which a representative of the Italian Consul presented BRO. JUNCK with the insignia of "Cavaliere della Corona d'Italia." The burgomaster, in his remarks, said that BRO. JUNCK never paid any attention to distinctions of wealth, politics or religion.



## **National Grand Lodge of Egypt in Cairo.**

Honorary Grand Master: BRO. HUSSEIN FAKHEEY PASHA, Minister of Justice.

Grand Master: BRO. IDRIS BEY RAGHEB, Judge of the Court of Natives.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ELIAS G. NACHOU, Boite postale No. 148, La-Caire.

The Grand Lodge, founded May 8, 1876, was formally instituted October 8, 1876. It claims control over about forty-seven Lodges, of which eleven are in Cairo, with a membership of 1,500 brethren. The address is: A la Grande Loge Nationale d'Egypte, Boite postale No. 148, Le Caire.

The Masons erected a monument to FRANCISCO FERREB in the civil cemetery of Old Cairo. This was the revolutionary patriot who was executed by royal decree in Spain in 1909.

## **The Grand Orient of Spain in Madrid.**

Grand Master: BRO. MIGUEL MORAYTA.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. ANTONIO LOPEZ DEL VILLAR.

Grand Secretary: BRO. VICTOR GALLEG0, Pretil de los Consejos 5, Madrid.

The Grand Orient was created on July 4, 1888, and governs 14 chapters and 87 St. John's Lodges, with a roster of 4,105 brethren.

New subordinate Lodges have been erected, as follows: "Vigo, No. 66," at Vigo, and "Antonio Pio, No. 67," at Lerida, in Spain, and "Hijos de la Patria, No. 320," at Porto Rico, in Cuba.

At the Annual Communication, held June 14, 1910, this body decided to establish special Lodges for laboring men. In these, no initiation fees are payable, and the Grand Orient is to provide all the badges, rituals, etc., free of charge. Their purpose is thus to spread a knowledge of the Royal Art among all the sections of the population. The proposal will be made, too, to those powers with whom this body is in fraternal intercourse, that each of them establish a subordinate Lodge of their own within the confines of Spain, thus bringing home to Spanish Masons a knowledge of other Masonic systems at first hand. The Grand Orient expects to be allowed reciprocal privileges in the countries accepting this arrangement.

Prof. Dr. MIGUEL MORAYTA Y SAGRARIO was reelected Grand Master for the term 1910-1914.

### **The United Grand Orient of Lusitania in Lisbon (Palço Maçonico, Rua do Gremio Lusitano 35).**

Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander: BRO. DR. SEBASTIAO DE MAGALHAES LIMA, Thirty-third Degree, advocate and journalist.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. FRANCISCO GOMES DA SILVA, Thirty-third Degree, journalist.

Grand Secretary: BRO. CAETANO DOMINGOS DEOLHE, Thirty-second Degree.

This body controls about 148 Lodges, with a roster of 2,887 brethren. It was founded in 1805, reconstituted in 1859, and again in 1869, when the Grand Orient of Portugal, that of Lusitania, and the Supreme Council united.

The Grand Master was a prominent leader of the popular party in the recent successful revolutionary movement.

The Grand Orient has issued a circular letter announcing the proclamation of the new Portuguese Republic, and another in which the change (noted above) in the office of Grand Secretary is pointed out.

On August 14, 1909, the former prominent Portuguese Mason, Dr. FAUSTO DE QUADROS, was expelled from the fraternity for embezzling moneys and purloining books, the property of the Grand Orient. This judgment has been promulgated in due form throughout the Masonic world.

### **The Grand Orient of Haiti in Port-au-Prince.**

Grand Master: J. A. HERAUX, Port-au-Prince.

Grand Secretary: BRO. GEORGE FOUCHE.

This body controls 67 St. John's Lodges, with an active membership of about 2,000. It exchanges representatives with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of Belgium.

Originally created in 1824, there was a schism in 1886 when the National Grand Orient of Haiti was founded. The breach was healed in 1899.

Masonry in Haiti is recruited almost entirely from the negro population of the island.

### **Ottoman Grand Lodge of Turkey in Constantinople.**

Founded April 2, 1909.

Grand Master: BRO. ORPHI-PASCHA.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. HAMDA-PASCHA.

### **National Grand Lodge and Supreme Council of Roumania in Bucharest.**

This Grand Body was formed in September, 1880, and reconstructed in June, 1891. It comprises 10 Lodges, 1 Areopagus, 2 Chapters and 1 Supreme Council.

Grand Master: BRO. C. MOROIU, Retired Captain.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. FRITZ RÖPPER, Engineer.

Grand Secretary: BRO. N. COEMGIOPOLU.

Address for Correspondence: M'. L'. N'. ROMANA, Str. Const. Moroiu No. 6, Bucharest.

This Jurisdiction exchanges representatives with France, Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and Netherlands.

A new Lodge, working in the German language, named "Freundschaft" ("Amicitia"), has been started at Bucharest by twelve brethren resident of that city. The Lodge will also devote its attention to philanthropic activities.

The request of the National Grand Lodge for fraternal recognition and an exchange of mutual representatives will be acted upon by our Grand Lodge at its approaching Annual Communication.

### **Gran Logia Nacional Independiente de la Republica Dominicana in Santo Domingo.**

Grand Master: BRO. ANTONIO GERALDINO.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ISAAC FLOREZ.

A Grand Lodge was founded in 1858, and a Supreme Council in 1861. On October 22, 1865, the National Grand Orient was erected, but in April, 1890, the present Grand Body took its place and became independent on June 24, 1891. It controls fifteen Lodges.

### **Gran Logia Soberana é Independiente de Venezuela in Caracas.**

Grand Master: BRO. SALVADOR T. MALDONADO.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. PEDRO ELIAS ROJAS.

In this Republic there is another sovereign Masonic body known as the Gran Oriente Nacional de los Estados Unidos de Venezuela, in Caracas, founded July 26, 1893, and controlling 35 Lodges.

Dr. MASSIMO CRESCENTINO is reported to be its Grand Master.

### **The Grand Orient of Brazil, at Rio de Janeiro (Rua do Lavradio, N. 97).**

Grand Master: BRO. LAURO SODRÉ, Rua Condé de Troja, 7 Rio de Janeiro.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DR. J. FREDERICO DE ALMEIDA.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ALCIBIADES FURTADO.

This Jurisdiction resulted, January 18, 1883, from the union of the Grand Orient of Brazil "Valle de Lavradio" and the United Grand Orient "Valle dos Benedictinos," both founded in the year 1831. The Eclectic Union, Switzerland and Hamburg, entertain friendly relations with this Grand Orient, which now controls 852 Lodges, with a membership of 28,853 brethren. There is here also the Grand Orient of Parana, at Curtiyba.

### **Grand Orient of Colombia, in Bogota.**

Founded in 1872.

Grand Master: BRO. LEON ECHEVERRIA.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. MANUEL ANCIZAR, Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Grand Secretary: BRO. DAMASO ZAPATA.

### **The Grand Orient of Uruguay, in Montevideo.**

Grand Master: BRO. RICARDO J. ARECO.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. MIGUEL FURRIOL.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ANGEL LUISI, Avenida da la Paz 277, Montevideo.

Here the earliest Lodge was French, founded in 1826. In 1856 the Grand Orient was constituted by a patent from Brazil. It controls fifteen Lodges and 4 Chapters.

### **Grand Lodge of Tunis, in Tunis (Valle de la Megherda).**

Established May 2, 1881.

Grand Master: BRO. GUST. DEMONS, M. D., Army Surgeon.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. G. ROMBI.

Grand Secretary: BRO. EDUARDO NUBRI.

### **The Grand Lodge of Chile, at Santiago (Galeria de San Carlos, 15), Address: Casilla 53 D.**

Grand Master: VICTOR GUILLERMO EWING.

Grand Secretary: LUIS A. NAVARETTE Y LOPEZ.

This body was founded at Valparaíso on May 24, 1862, and transferred to Santiago on October 21, 1903. It controls fifteen Lodges.

There are a number of foreign Lodges chartered in this republic, some being English, and others are German, French, Peruvian, and a few even being under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The membership of this body now totals 800 Masons.

We have not been favored with reports of the work of this body of Masons during the past year.

### **The Grand Orient of Rio Grande do Sul, in Porto Alegre (Brazil).**

The Jurisdiction was established June 30, 1895, and comprises forty-two subordinate Lodges, five of which work in German. Membership 3,158 brethren.

Grand Master: BRO. DR. JAMES DE OLIVEIRA FRANCO E SOUZA. Thirty-third Degree, President of the Supreme Court.

Grand Secretary: JOSÉ DOMINGUES D'ALMEIDA, Thirty-third Degree, Archivista do Tesouro do Estado, Rua General Camara No. 56, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Secretary for External Affairs: DR. ALFONSO HEBERT, Thirty-third Degree.

### **The Grand Orient of Paraguay, in Asuncion.**

(Masonic Temple, Palma No. 414, Asuncion.)

Grand Master: \_\_\_\_\_.

Deputy Grand Master: BRO. DR. JOSÉ CALDARERA.

Grand Secretary: BRO. DESIDERIO JARA.

Founded in 1896, this Jurisdiction controls ten Lodges. It is recognized by the German Grand Lodges Union.

### **Gran Logia de la República de Guatemala.**

Grand Master: BRO. RENÉ GUÉRIN.

Grand Secretary: BRO. ROBERT LOEWENTAL.

Address of the Grand Lodge: Callejón Manchén No. 4, Guatemala.

The Grand Lodge was founded on October 20, 1903, and claims to be

the highest authority of symbolic Freemasonry within the republic of Guatemala, and is sovereign over 12 Lodges, with a membership of 400 brethren.

This body claims to have no relations now with the Supreme Council of the A. A. S. R.

### **Grand Lodge of San Salvador, San Salvador, Central America.**

Grand Master: CARLOS D'AUBUISSON.

Deputy Grand Master: LEON DREYFUS.

Grand Secretary: THOMAS SOLEY, Salvador A. C.

The Jurisdiction was founded July 14, 1908, and consists at present of four subordinate Lodges, three of which are located in San Salvador.

We have received one issue of the official organ of this Jurisdiction, which, however, contains nothing of interest to our brethren.

### **SUPREMO CONSEJO Y GRAN ORIENTE PARA LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA, IN BUENOS AIRES.**

Grand Master: BRO. EMILIO GOUCHON, Thirty-third Degree.

Grand Secretary and Grand Chancellor: BRO. PROFESSOR BALDMAR F. DOBRANICH, Templo Central, Congallo 1242, Buenos Aires.

The Grand Lodge was founded in 1895. It controls 108 Lodges, with 4,500 members. It has been decided to admit women, and the Lodge "General San Martin" has done so.

There are here also the Grand Lodge of the Blue Rite, the National Orient of the Argentinian Rite, founded 1855 and controlling seventeen Lodges; the Independent Provincial Grand Lodge of Santa Fé, the independent Lodge "Amistad y Lealtad," and the District Grand Lodge of twenty-three Lodges, of which eight are English, seven Italian, five Spanish, two Hamburg, and one is French.

### **The Grand Lodge of Liberia in Monrovia.**

This Grand Body was formed in 1867, and controls nine Lodges with an approximate membership of 650.

Grand Master: BRO. A. B. STUBBLEFIELD.

Grand Secretary: BRO. NATHANIEL H. B. CASSELL.

BRO. JAMES ELIJA MOORE is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hungary. No other news has been obtainable.

STATISTICAL TABLE, SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, WORK, AND CHARITIES OF THE EIGHT GERMAN GRAND LODGES  
AND OF THE FIVE INDEPENDENT ST. JOHN'S LODGES FOR THE MASONIC YEAR, 1909-1910.

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	A.—NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MASONIC YEAR.			B.—INCREASE.			C. DECREASE.				D.—NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE CLOSE OF THE MASONIC YEAR.															
	ACTIVE MEMBERS.			By Initiation.	By Amalgam.	By Death.	By Dimitt. Dismissal.	By Dropping from Roll.	By Expulsion.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.				Ritualistic Work.	Festive Communi- cations.	Lodges of Borrow.	Conferences.									
	Master Masons.	Fellow Crafts.	Apprentices.							Total.	Increase.	Re- sult.	Honorary Members.					Permanently Valt- ing Brethren.	Serving Brethren.							
Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin.	11,957	2,391	1,406	15,754	1,656	803	932	395	433	248	3	12,349	2,411	1,567	16,327	573	1,739	1,869	811	2,305	461	140	1,741	145	393	
Grand National Lodge of Ger- many, Berlin.	11,884	1,160	1,049	14,113	1,098	598	867	108	321	237	1	12,194	1,160	1,150	14,504	391	1,130	1,306	619	1,904	401	131	953	138	361	
Grand Lodge Royal York, Berlin.	5,338	1,061	962	7,331	980	329	534	51	197	157	2	5,579	1,121	800	7,500	329	1,014	563	338	1,140	212	61	1,083	74	144	
Grand Lodge of Hamburg.	3,538	568	579	4,700	436	157	347	25	123	93	1	3,693	590	603	4,856	156	427	192	153	769	96	40	708	55	91	
Grand Lodge of Saxony, Dres- den.	3,425	618	534	4,581	563	340	290	13	138	163	9	3,389	565	533	4,457	94	547	326	172	321	59	19	570	25	181	
Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, Frank- fort a. M.	2,474	400	406	3,280	216	240	203	12	95	45	5	2,541	391	418	3,350	70	305	267	69	321	48	8	451	34	67	
Grand Lodge of the Sun, Bay- reuth.	3,304	394	490	3,167	278	215	199	21	69	58	..	2,357	405	491	3,253	86	368	327	69	479	66	94	606	22	191	
Grand Lodge of Concord, Darmstadt.	457	135	119	711	67	71	34	4	21	9	2	460	145	112	717	6	67	66	9	114	15	..	151	8	96	
Five Indepen- dent German Lodges.	1,090	170	115	1,305	142	49	64	1	36	16	..	1,038	187	98	1,318	13	135	58	60	81	13	3	101	5	88	
Totals	—	—	—	54,942	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56,372	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	506	1,447





# GENERAL TABLE.

The following table shows the number of members as per last report at hand, and as compared with last prior report :

	1910.	1911.	Gain.
Alabama.....	22,319	24,303	984
Arkansas.....	21,388	21,776	388
Arizona.....	1,661	1,807	146
California.....	41,007	43,675	2,668
Colorado.....	13,546	14,311	765
Connecticut.....	22,108	22,568	478
Delaware.....	3,049	3,131	82
District of Columbia.....	8,740	8,948	208
Florida.....	9,083	9,501	418
Georgia.....	32,708	35,295	2,587
Idaho.....	2,741	3,167	426
Illinois.....	95,629	101,692	6,063
Indiana.....	52,515	54,710	2,195
Iowa.....	41,075	42,612	1,537
Kansas.....	32,072	35,496	3,424
Kentucky.....	32,770	35,988	3,218
Louisiana.....	12,414	13,014	600
Maine.....	27,864	28,328	464
Maryland.....	12,888	13,468	630
Massachusetts.....	52,260	56,194	3,934
Michigan.....	60,669	63,022	2,353
Minnesota.....	22,987	24,944	1,957
Mississippi.....	16,449	17,122	673
Missouri.....	49,088	51,086	1,998
Montana.....	5,091	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	17,119	17,886	767
Nevada.....	1,573	1,681	108
New Hampshire.....	10,058	10,260	202
New Jersey.....	29,927	31,424	1,497
New Mexico.....	2,127	2,572	445
North Carolina.....	18,141	20,014	1,873
North Dakota.....	7,137	7,581	444
Ohio.....	75,976	79,501	3,525
Oklahoma.....	9,455	.....	.....
Oregon.....	9,232	9,986	754
Pennsylvania.....	88,126	92,135	4,009
Rhode Island.....	7,149	7,464	315
South Carolina.....	10,802	12,515	1,713
South Dakota.....	7,635	8,301	666
Tennessee.....	22,828	23,614	786
Texas.....	47,701	50,027	2,326
Utah.....	1,525	1,638	113
Vermont.....	12,382	12,933	551
Virginia.....	19,749	20,638	889
Washington.....	13,405	14,473	1,068
West Virginia.....	13,185	14,079	894
Wisconsin.....	24,946	25,680	734
Wyoming.....	2,400	2,556	156
Alberta.....	2,539	2,990	451
British Columbia.....	3,757	4,550	793
Canada, Ontario.....	43,906	46,140	2,232
Manitoba.....	4,554	5,151	597
New Brunswick.....	2,685	2,770	85
Nova Scotia.....	5,673	6,087	414
Prince Edward Island.....	697	731	34
Quebec.....	6,045	6,325	280
Saskatchewan.....	2,336	3,500	1,164
England.....	.....	.....	.....
Ireland.....	.....	.....	.....
Scotland.....	.....	.....	.....
New Zealand.....	9,238	10,850	1,612
South Australia.....	3,364	3,595	231
Tasmania.....	1,871	1,410	461
New South Wales.....	12,570	13,768	1,198
Western Australia.....	3,751	3,687	Loss 64
Victoria.....	10,370	.....	.....
South Africa.....	.....	1,443	.....
Valle de Mexico.....	1,301	.....	.....
New York.....	163,341	168,714	5,373
Total.....	1,422,140	1,473,798	76,463

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